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to a young friend and relative, E. P. Stevens, 'the Saviour leads my soul into green pastures and beside the still water.' He came to my father's to bring the good news. I remember it well, child as I was. The household came together. His brother Judah was present also. All kneeled down, and uncle Apollos poured out his soul in prayer and thanksgiving to God. It was his first prayer in the presence of others. I can recall now some of the expressions he used, his terms of endearment in addressing his Heavenly Father. All wept, but they were tears of sympathy and joy. Mrs. Phelps was converted about the same time, and was a devoted and earnest Christian while she lived. He united with the Second Baptist Church in Suffield, being baptized by the pastor, Rev. Calvin Philleo, in September, 1825. As an instance of his fidelity, for a number of years after he united with the church, though he had to go six miles and over a mountain to attend its services, he did not miss on an average one Sabbath in a year. And he was generally present at the Saturday afternoon monthly covenant-meetings, and sometimes at the close of the Sunday sermon, liberty being given, his voice was heard in earnest and impressive exhortation. For many years there was a Sabbath evening union prayer-meeting held alternately in the neighborhood, and he frequently led and almost always took part with these faithful brethren and others, so that the meetings were sustained with great interest and usefulness. His influence was felt for good wherever he went, Christ and His salvation being his great theme. There are several remarkable instances of this, of which I give a few. In the autumn of 1829, while at work with his men getting in rowen, he felt a strong impression to go to East Granville, Mass. It seemed a Divine call, and he immediately left his work, harnessed his horse to the wagon, and drove to the village. He called on Elder Silas Root, the Baptist minister, and inquired as to the state of religion in the church and place. He replied that it was a low time, and many were dying with scarlet fever. On leaving Elder Root's, and querying what purpose the Lord had in his visit, my uncle met a man by the name of Granger, inquiring for cows that had strayed away, and asking if he knew anything of them. Before the interview closed he asked the man if he knew anything about the grace of God. He said 'No.' He then asked him if he would get over the wall and pray if he would pray with him. 'Yes,' he said, and there they bowed together before the mercy-seat, and the already convicted sinner was then or soon converted. My uncle went back to the pastor's house, and on invitation put out his horse and stayed over the Sabbath. The Elder asked him to take the pulpit. 'No,' said he, 'appoint a prayer meeting at noon.' The meeting was held. A powerful revival followed and many were converted, and what is remarkable there were no more deaths at that time of scarlet fever. As my uncle went to Granville on this occasion, he passed the house of Deacon V. Stevens, who had then got out for the first time on crutches after a broken limb, and who felt grieved that his neighbor did not stop and speak to him. On his return my uncle called and apologized for his seeming neglect. 'The Lord,' said he, 'impressed me to go to Granville, and to salute no man by the way.'

"In 1830 he visited relatives in Chenango valley, N. Y., and while there, with the blessing of God on his personal labors, a precious revival of religion was enjoyed, many were converted, and the Baptist Church at Castle Creek was resuscitated from an almost extinct condition, and started on a course of growth and prosperity which it still maintains. Rev. Mr. Philleo, after leaving Suffield, took charge of a church in Pawtucket, R. I., and in a series of successful revival meetings there, was aided by my uncle, who as requested went there and labored in the meetings, exhorting with power, and praying and conversing from house to house, and saw the salvation of God. I heard him spoken of with interest and gratitude as years afterward I visited there while in college at Providence. He was once a delegate to an ordaining council at Northampton, Mass. He overheard a minister talking of a fast horse, and with what speed he could run. The Captain ventured the inquiry if he could go as fast as sinners were rushing down to hell. Instead of going to his supper he went to the bank of the Connecticut river and prayed for the outpouring of the Spirit on the council and the place. There was such a heavenly atmosphere about him that in it the river seemed preternaturally clear and beautiful. He went back and wanted them to have a preliminary prayer meeting. There was objection, but at his solicitation one was held at the close of the ordaining services, and it was so deeply interesting that some stayed late into the night. One asked for prayers and was converted. It was the beginning of a blessed revival. I have alluded to his following sermons with exhortations. On one occasion, at Busby Hill in Granby, after the preacher had closed his discourse, Capt. Phelps spoke with such power and effect that several dated their conversions from that time, and similar instances and labors might be mentioned did space allow. A number of boys and young men were from time to time brought up in his household, and almost all of them were converted and became earnest Christians, as well as his own children. He was a good and helpful neighbor, as well as a kind husband and loving father, and would cheerfully disoblige himself to accommodate others. He was a useful citizen and true patriot. In his departure a strong link is sundered and his friends and neighbors may well say, in the language of the Scripture, 'How is the strong staff broken and the beautiful rod.'

"He possessed great simplicity and humility in his prayers; he told the Lord everything that con-

cerned him and asked His guidance. He was quick at repartee; was remarkable now and then for flashes of genuine wit and humor; but especially for uttering striking, pertinent and even profound thoughts. His imagination was affluent and his conceptions vivid, sometimes outrunning his words and leaving them incoherent. He was more than a match for caviler or skeptic, and would soon silence them by some unlooked-for question or proposition. He had never seriously been sick but once before his last illness, but kept about and at work more or less till within a few weeks of his death. He felt that the end was near, and he calmly and even joyously awaited the result, arranging his affairs and settling all matters that he wanted closed up. He said he should go no more out, not even to visit again the precious spot where he had so many hours of communion with his Saviour. On the day of his death, in great and sweet patience he said, as he had often said during his sickness, 'Though the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, I have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' He said he had no pain, and had got almost home, and before his body should be laid out he would be walking the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. At last, when asked if all was well with him, he replied, beginning very faintly, but uttering the words with a deepening emphasis, 'Yes, yes, yes.' So, in clearness of mind, heavenly peace, and triumphant faith, his long, useful, patriarchal life closed like a child going to sleep. 'His rest shall be glorious.' Oh, is it not emphatically true, and a most blessed experience, as among his last words he said, 'I have a hope that I would not part with for mountains of gold or rocks of diamonds.'"

(VIII) JUDAH PHELPS was born Feb. 6, 1845, at his present homestead near Warnertown, and during youth was trained to agricultural work under the oversight of his father. He received a public-school education, and has always followed farming as an occupation, being extensively interested at present in dairying and stock raising. His industry and thrift have had their due reward in a fine competence, and he has made investments in other lines of enterprise, including the Suffield Creamery Co., in which he is a stockholder. Politically he is a strong Republican, and at times he has held office, having served two terms in the local board of relief, and at present is a member of the school board. He and his wife are much respected, and the family hold a prominent place in social life.

Mr. Phelps was married, May 2, 1866, to Miss Ellen C. Cannon, of West Suffield, daughter of William and Olive (Messenger) Cannon, and ten children have blessed the union: (1) Franklin A., born Aug. 22, 1867, is a railroad engineer at Holyoke, Mass. He married Anna Hunter, and has one child, Vella Irene. (2) Henry W., born Dec. 27, 1868, married Idella Gertrude Houghtaling, of Ansonia, who died in April, 1899. (3) Judson L., born Oct. 11, 1870, is a farmer on the homestead. He married Miss Jessie Hubbard, and has two children, Helen and Jasper Apollos. (4) Lawrence C., born April 22, 1874, is a street railway motorman in Hartford; he is unmarried. (5) Miss Rhoda M., born Feb. 18, 1876, resides at home, and is a leader in the best social circles of the neighborhood. (6) Benjamin J., born Oct. 4, 1877, is a student at Yale College. (7) Charles D., born Jan. 23, 1880. (8) Myra L., March 4, 1882. (9) Warren J., Jan. 15, 1884, and (10) Nora B., Oct. 23, 1885, are all at home.

ALBERT H. GRANT. Among the most attractive homes of this section is that of the subject of this biography, an enterprising young agriculturist of the town of East Windsor, and in its well-planned arrangements the charms of country life are combined with the improvements that science has devised for comfort, convenience, and the gratification of refined and artistic taste. The house, which is heated by steam, is modern in construction, and all the buildings on the farm are supplied with water through pipes, while in every part of the estate are to be seen evidences of the progressive ideas and executive ability of its owner.

Mr. Grant was born March 3, 1867, on a farm near Broad Brook, in the town of East Windsor, a son of Luther and Ann E. (Allen) Grant. As a boy he attended the public schools near his home, while the work of the farm gave him a practical knowledge of the best methods of agriculture. At the age of twenty-two he purchased an interest in his present homestead and engaged in farming on his own account, and so well did he succeed that in 1896 he bought the entire title to the place. He owns altogether about 150 acres of land twenty acres of which lie in the town of Ellington, Tolland county, and in connection with general farming he raises tobacco, planting about twenty acres each year to that crop. Politically he is a Republican, but he has never aspired to office, although he takes keen interest in the issues of the day and is always ready to endorse any worthy movement.

In 1890 Mr. Grant married Miss Belle Roberts, of the town of Suffield, and two children brighten their home, Boyd and Lynn.

NELSON ORSINO KEYES, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of the village of Farmington, was born in Warren, N. H., May 4, 1847, and is a son of Ezra W. and Julia M. (Clough) Keyes, who died at that place. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, was born in Orford, N. H., but spent the greater part of his life in Warren. He had a brother, David Keyes, who was a manufacturer of small hardware at Unionville, Conn. Our subject is second in the order of birth

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in a family of three children, but the others, Ezra and Harvey, are both now deceased.

The boyhood and youth of Nelson O. Keyes were passed in his native town, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1871 he came to the town of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., there worked for Samuel C. Colt, and made his home in the East Farms District for about thirteen years. In 1884 he removed to the village of Farmington, where he has since resided, and now has a pleasant home on Main street. For the past five years he has been dealing in agricultural implements to some extent. He is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the place, and has been called upon to fill the offices of constable, justice of the peace and selectman, having served in the last named office for nine years.

On Dec. 24, 1872, Mr. Keyes was married, in Farmington, to Miss Laura A. Chamberlain, also a native of Warren, N. H., and to them has been born one daughter, Helen J. As a citizen Mr. Keyes has the good of the community at heart, and in an official capacity his abilities have all been exerted to make his adopted town and county rank among the best in this great Commonwealth.

EDWARD BEDELL PECK, of Bloomfield, was born in that town Jan. 29, 1847, which has been the home of the Peck family for at least three generations, although his grandfather was a native of Lyme, Conn. The grandfather, a blacksmith by trade, early settled in Bloomfield, and married a Miss Griswold, of Windsor, and in Bloomfield their children were born in the following order: Jasper, Hayden G., George, Muchin Pinder and Sardis, all deceased, and Mrs. Mary Wilcox.

Hayden G. Peck, father of our subject, was born in Bloomfield in 1796, and died in Granby in July, 1877, but his remains were brought to Bloomfield for interment. He was educated in that town and in Windsor, learned dyeing, dressing and cloth pulling, and had a shop in Simsbury. On Dec. 9, 1825, he married Miss Lucinda Griswold, a daughter of Noah Griswold, and aunt of Timothy E. Griswold, whose life history will be found on another page of this volume. To this marriage were born seven children: Jane, deceased wife of Dwight Hillman, of Windsor Locks; Deforest Hayden, of West Hartford; Luzerne J., of St. Louis, Mo.; Helen, also the deceased wife of Dwight Hillman, of Windsor Locks; George W., of North Granby; Edward Bedell, our subject; and Lucius J., deceased. Hayden G. Peck, the father, was for many years in the cloth business in Simsbury, then for seven years peddled throughout the Southern States, and finally settled down to farming in Bloomfield, where his wife died in 1860. Mr. Peck was a member of the F. & A. M., was a Democrat in politics, served as selectman of Bloomfield, and died a highly-respected citizen.

Edward Bedell Peck passed his early days in the north middle district of Bloomfield, and at the age of thirteen years left the parental roof, and worked as a farm hand until he had attained his majority. On Dec. 16, 1868, he married Miss Catherine Malvina Scailes, a daughter of George Scailes, of Granville, Mass., and then returned to Bloomfield, Conn., where he has since lived in a house built by his uncle, George L. Peck, and is engaged in tobacco growing and dairying. To his marriage with Miss Scailes have been born five children: George G., who died at the age of twenty-five years; Sadie M., wife of John L. Hague, of Southington, Conn.; Mary L., wife of A. D. Stevens, of Ivoryton, Conn.; Ellen M., who died at the age of five years; and Charlotte R. In politics Mr. Peck is a sound Democrat. He is a temperate, frugal and industrious man, and he and his family are well entitled to the high regard in which they are held by all their neighbors.

MRS. SARAH E. BARNEY, a well-known resident of Farmington, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Hartford county. She is a descendant of (I) Jacob Brandegee, who was born in 1729, and died at sea March 25, 1765. A monument has been erected to his memory in the Berlin cemetery. In 1753 he married Abigail Dunham, and to them were born six children: Elishama is mentioned below; Rhoda, born Oct. 5, 1756, died in 1781; Persis was born Aug. 31, 1758; Abigail, born Aug. 31, 1760, died in 1820; Mary, born Dec. 18, 1763, died in 1764; and Jacob, born Jan. 4, 1765, died in January, 1786.

(II) Elishama Brandegee, born in Berlin, Conn., April 17, 1754, was a sea captain, at one time engaged in the West India trade, and owned the "Minerva," which is supposed to have been captured by the French. He died Feb. 26, 1832. In 1778 he married Mrs. Lucy Weston, who died Feb. 1, 1827. They had five children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Jacob, Nov. 11, 1779; Lucy, July 15, 1781; Elishama, Nov. 5, 1784; John, Nov. 19, 1786, and Sally Milner, Aug. 2, 1793.

(III) Elishama Brandegee, the father of Mrs. Barney, was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., Nov. 5, 1784, and was reared and educated at that place. Later in life he was for many years one of the most prominent and influential business men of Berlin, where he conducted a large and well-stocked store, and also owned and operated two thread mills, one on the site of the Blair factory, and the other on the site of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co.'s buildings. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he always took a very active and prominent part in town matters, and gave his support to every enterprise for the public good.

On Oct. 14, 1811, for his first wife Elishama Brandegee married Emily Stocking, of Cromwell, Conn., and Nov. 28, 1835, he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Aruna (Booth)

Mygatt, a daughter of Joseph Booth, of Berlin. By this union was born one child, Julia Sophia. To the first marriage were born seven children: (1) Jacob Sheldon is deceased. (2) Elishama (also deceased) was for over forty years a prominent physician of Berlin. He married Florence Stith, of Petersburg, Va., and to them were born eleven children, Townshend S., now a resident of San Diego, Cal.; Charles, of Farmington, this county; Florence S., of Berlin; Robert B., of Farmington; Emily Stocking and Catherine, both of Berlin; Henry, Edith Victorina and Horace S., all deceased; Arthur L., of Berlin; and Edward N., of Helena, Mont. (3) John (now deceased) wedded Mary A. N. Bulkley, and they had two children, William, a resident of Berlin; and Mary Emily, deceased. (4) Camillus Marius is deceased. (5) Marius married Catherine A. Fountain, of New York, and died in 1885; they had three children, Emily Stocking, deceased; William Partridge, a physician of New York City; and Elizabeth Gallandette. (6) Henry Justus married Sarah Kipp Miller, of Brooklyn, New York.

(7) Sarah Elizabeth, whose name introduces this sketch, was united in marriage with Danford Newton Barney, a native of New York City, whose father was the founder of the United States Express Co., and a member of the Wells Fargo Express Co. He died four years after their marriage, and Sarah B., the youngest of their two children, died in infancy. Danford Newton Barney, Jr., was born in Berlin, and began his education at Edward Hart's School in Farmington. Later he attended the Hartford Public High School and also Yale College, from which he was graduated with the class of '81. He married Miss Laura Dunham, a daughter of Austin Cornelius Dunham, of the Electric Light Co., and to them have been born four children, Mary E., D. Newton, Jr., Laura J. (deceased), and Austin Cornelius. Elishama Brandegee, father of Mrs. Barney, passed away April 10, 1854.

FREDERICK ARTHUR SUTLIFFE, a well-known bookkeeper for the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and a highly-esteemed citizen of Southington, was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1860, and was married, Feb. 27, 1884, to Miss Mary J. Vivian, by whom he has two children: Raymond V., born June 28, 1885; and Minnie Lazelle, born Nov. 23, 1891.

Mr. Sutliffe is descended from some of the oldest and most highly-respected Connecticut families. His father, Frederick Sutliffe, was born April 15, 1833, in Southington, and was married, Nov. 17, 1859, to Adelaide C. Raymond. He served with credit in the Civil war as a member of Company A, 7th Conn. V. I., and later was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He also belonged to the Order of United American Mechanics, the Masonic Fraternity and other societies, and was a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of Southington. He died Aug. 11, 1890, his wife on Jan. 3, 1876.

Lucius Sutliffe, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Wolcott, Conn., Jan. 19, 1806, and was married, in March, 1827, to Rachel Foot, daughter of Robert and Diadamia (Hitchcock) Foot. Their children were Samuel M., James, James (2), Frederick, Lucas, Lucius, Charles G. and Anna M. The father of this family died Feb. 19, 1899, aged ninety-three years, the mother Oct. 1, 1893.

John Sutliffe, the father of Lucius, was born Feb. 19, 1773, and married Eunice Munson, a daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Tyler) Munson, of Waterbury, Conn. He lived in Wolcott, where he died April 23, 1836. He had five children: Anson, Statira, John, Lucius and Lucas.

Nathaniel Sutliffe, the father of John, was born in Durham, Conn., Dec. 7, 1740, and married Hannah, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Johnson) Pritchard. He died in 1808, his wife on Jan. 2, 1791. Their children were John, Nathaniel, Titus Hannah, Anne, Ruth and Elizabeth.

Joseph Sutliffe, the father of Nathaniel, was born in Branford, Conn., in 1712, and was one of the first settlers of Wolcott, locating there as early as 1765. He was a tailor by trade. He died Nov. 11, 1801, aged eighty-nine years. By his wife, Sarah, he had four children: Joseph, Nathaniel, Anne and Sarah.

Sergt. Nathaniel Sutliffe, the father of Joseph, was born in Deerfield, Mass., in 1672, and in 1702 removed to Branford, Conn., where he became prominent in religious and educational matters. He was also representative to the General Court from 1728 to 1731. He married Sarah Savage, and died April 1, 1732, aged sixty years.

Nathaniel Sutliffe, father of Sergt. Sutliffe, was living in Medfield, Mass., in 1667. His house was burned by the Indians and never rebuilt. He was a settler in Deerfield, Mass., in 1673, and was killed by the Indians in King Philip's war, at the "Falls fight" (Pesheomsaket), with Capt. Turner, May 19, 1676. He was married, in 1664, to Hannah Plympton, a daughter of Sergt. John Plympton, who was born in Cambridge, England, and came to America with a party headed by John Winthrop, in 1640. He moved to Deerfield, Mass., in 1673, and when King Philip's war began became chief military officer. He was taken prisoner by the Indians in 1677, and burned at the stake. He joined the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company" of Boston in 1642.

The subject of this sketch is also a direct descendant of Gov. Thomas Welles, on the maternal side, as follows: His mother was a daughter of Edwin and Lucy M. (Neal) Raymond, who were married May 14, 1837. The former died June 25, 1876, the latter on May 24, 1865. She was a daughter of Elisha and Naomi (Frost) Neal, who were

married Dec. 25, 1814. Her father was a son of John and Phebe (Judd) Neal, who were married in 1772. Phebe Judd was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Clark) Judd, who were married in 1752. Joseph Judd was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Bidwell) Judd, who were married April 11, 1706. Hannah Bidwell was a daughter of John and Sarah (Welles Bidwell, who were married in 1678. Sarah Welles was a daughter of Thomas Welles, Jr., and Hannah Tuttle, daughter of William Tuttle, one of the first settlers of New Haven. Thomas Welles, Jr., was born about 1627; was quartermaster under Maj. John Mason in 1658; deputy magistrate at Hartford in 1662 and 1663; and was named as grantee in the royal charter of Connecticut. He was the largest man of his time in Hartford, of strong mind and estimable character. He was killed by a fall from a cherry tree in 1668. His father, Thomas Welles, was born in Northamptonshire, England, in 1598, and was among the first settlers of Hartford in 1636. He was the first treasurer of the Connecticut Colony, and its fourth governor, 1656-57-58. He died Jan. 15, 1659, at the age of sixty-one years, and was buried in Wethersfield, but his remains were afterward removed to Hartford, and rest with those of several other early governors.

WILLIAM NATHAN JENNINGS, one of the prosperous and highly-respected farmers and tobacco growers of South Windsor, has been a lifelong resident of the town. He is widely known for his many estimable traits of character, and among his many sterling qualities may be ranked that industry which is the foundation of success, a keen judgment and a high sense of honor and integrity.

Mr. Jennings was born July 25, 1849, on the farm in South Windsor now occupied by L. D. Chandler, and is a son of Williams and Anna (Main) Jennings. His father was a native of the town of Willington, Conn., where he was born in the year 1804, the representative of an old Connecticut family. The father of our subject was the first of his name to locate in the town of South Windsor. To Williams and Anna Jennings were born six children: Phila, who died an infant; Mariva, deceased; Mary S.; Phila (2); Esther S.; and our subject. The father died in 1895, having reached the venerable age of ninety-one years. His wife died in 1882, aged seventy-eight years.

Mr. Jennings was three years of age when he moved with his parents from the farm where he was born to the farm where he now lives. Here he grew to manhood, attending the district schools and assisting with the work of the farm. As the only son in his father's family, the work fell largely upon him. Since the age of twenty-one he has successfully carried on the farm. Mr. Jennings married, Dec. 9, 1874, Miss Catherine Bryan, a native of South Windsor, and to them have been born four children: Annie K., Gertrude L., Edna and Mary M. Mr. Jennings has seventeen acres of land under cultivation, and gives most of his attention to tobacco culture. Himself and wife are consistent and prominent members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M., and in politics is a Democrat. Public-spirited, energetic, and honorable in all his dealings, he is a representative citizen of Hartford county.

FREDERICK JOSHUA ALLEN, a prominent and one of the most prosperous and best-known farmers and tobacco growers of the town of East Windsor, was born May 12, 1845, and is a descendant of a very old New England Colonial family, of whom brief mention may be here made.

About the year 1630, three brothers, Matthew, Samuel and Thomas Allen, came from Braintree, County of Essex, England, and located in Cambridge, Mass., but later joined the colony organized by the Rev. Dr. Hooker, of the Congregational Church, and settled in Hartford, Conn., about 1635. It is said that Gen. Ethan Allen, who achieved an imperishable fame during the American Revolution, descended from one of these three brothers, as well as the more prominent of the name now living in New England and other parts of the United States.

Samuel Allen, the second of the above named brothers, was born in England, in 1588, was one of the earliest settlers of Windsor, Conn., was chosen juror of the town March 5, 1644, and died, a prominent and greatly respected citizen, April 28, 1648, his estate being inventoried at seventy-six pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence. His widow, Ann Allen, then moved, with four of her children—Samuel, Nehemiah, John and Rebecca—to Northampton, Mass., leaving her daughter Mary behind. At Northampton she was married to William Hurlburt, and died there Nov. 13, 1687.

John Allen, the third child born to Samuel Allen, married Mary Hammond, Dec. 8, 1669, and made his residence in Northampton, but was killed by the Indians at the battle of Bloody Brook, in Deerfield, Sept. 18, 1675, leaving the following children: John, born Sept. 30, 1670; Samuel, born Feb. 5, 1673; and Hannah, the date of whose birth is not recorded (as times were troublous), but whose baptism is recorded as June 20, 1675. It is known that two of these children, John and Samuel, by some means, escaped to the South part of Enfield, and thus escaped the massacre at Bloody Brook. On this battlefield a a monument has been erected, bearing the following inscription: "On this ground Capt. Thomas Lathrop and eighty-four men under his command, including eighteen teamsters from Deerfield, conveying stores from that town to Hadley, were ambushed by about seven hundred Indians, and the Captain and twenty-six men were slain, September 18, 1675."

Samuel Allen, son of John Allen, who was killed at Bloody Brook, was born Feb. 5, 1673, at North-

ampton, Mass., and died in 1735. He married Hannah Burroughs in 1700, and became the father of four children, all born in Enfield, in the following order: Samuel, in 1702; Joseph, in 1704; Hannah, in 1706; and John, in 1712.

Joseph Allen, second son of Samuel, who escaped the massacre at Bloody Brook, was born July 30, 1704, married an Indian maid named Mary Hewlett in 1723. He died June 11, 1777, in East Windsor, Conn., where his great-great-grandson, Joseph Trumbull Allen, now lives, and Mary, his wife, died June 28, 1782. To Joseph and his wife were born eight children, in the following order: Hannah, in 1724; Joseph, in 1727; Noah, May 15, 1730; David, Nov. 22, 1734; Samuel, June 8, 1736; Hezekiah, Oct. 8, 1739; Mary (date of birth not recorded); and Dorcas, June 10, 1742.

Samuel Allen, the fifth-born of this last named family, first married Elizabeth Wells, who was born in East Windsor, June 5, 1740, and bore him the following named children: Elizabeth, born April 8, 1763 (died Oct. 2, 1838); Samuel, June 16, 1764; Mabel, March 30, 1768; Joshua (grandfather of subject), May 18, 1771; and Sabra and Elam, twins, July 29, 1774. To the second marriage of Samuel Allen, with Sarah Booth, who was born in Enfield, Dec. 1, 1743, the following named children were born: Chester, June 13, 1780; Jabez, Jan. 22, 1783, died in infancy; Jabez (2), Jan. 25, 1786; and Sarah, who was born Aug. 1, 1789, and died Oct. 4, 1851. The third marriage of Samuel Allen was to Lucy Markham, of Enfield, who was born in Long Meadow, Mass., July 2, 1749, was the widow of Darius Markham, and died Feb. 3, 1837, Samuel Allen having died Oct. 10, 1816, at the age of eighty years.

Joshua Allen, grandfather of Frederick Joshua Allen, married Abigail Bartlett, Jan. 21, 1796. She was born June 17, 1772, and died July 27, 1863, preceded to the grave by her husband on Feb. 6, 1843. Their children were six in number and were born in the following order: Sophia, Jan. 21, 1797; Willis, Jan. 26, 1800; Alfred, Aug. 22, 1802; Joshua Bartlett, Sept. 28, 1804; Julia Abigail, Feb. 14, 1808; and Henry Wells, May 28, 1811.

Henry Wells Allen, father of our subject, was educated in the district schools, the academy in Scantic, and Wilbraham University. He was very intelligent and widely known, and for four or five winters taught school, farming in summer. In politics he was a Whig, and served as assessor, selectman, and in 1850 as a member of the State Legislature, filling each office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. On April 6, 1836, he married Elizabeth Wells Allen, who was born Sept. 18, 1817, daughter of Elam Allen, both being of the fifth generation from John Allen, who was killed at the battle of Bloody Brook. Henry Wells Allen died July 22, 1881, in the faith of the Congregational Church, and his loss was deeply deplored, not only by his immediate family, but by a wide circle of warm friends and the public at large. To this marriage were born three children: Marietta Abigail, May 28, 1837 (died Dec. 6, 1842); Henry Wells, Oct. 24, 1841 (see sketch elsewhere); and Frederick Joshua, the subject proper of this sketch.

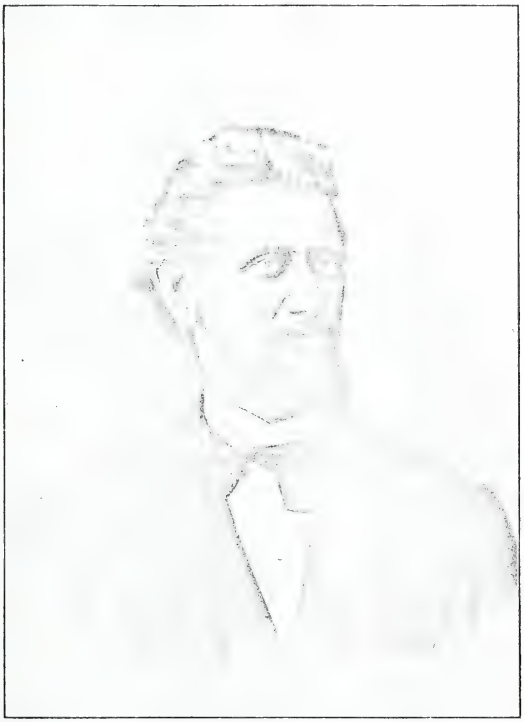
Frederick Joshua Allen received his preparatory education in the district school, and then attended Wilbraham University. He was reared to farming, but for three winters followed the vocation of school teacher. On Jan. 1, 1867, he married Elizabeth Mary Potwine, who was born April 25, 1845, a daughter of Edward L. and Mary (Bartlett) Potwine. She was a lady of many womanly graces and virtues, was a loving wife and affectionate mother, and was called from earth Aug. 1, 1891, beloved and mourned by all who knew her. She bore her husband four children, viz.: George Edward, born Jan. 14, 1868, married Myrtia Warner, of Enfield, June 22, 1892; Frederick Henry, born April 23, 1873, is now attending Middlebury (Vt.) College; Robert Stephen, born Dec. 12, 1876, is living on the home farm; and Mary Elizabeth, born July 5, 1881, is attending school at Thompsonville, Hartford county, Connecticut.

Mr. Allen has an excellent farm of 160 acres, and is living in the house built thereon by his grandfather, Joshua Allen, in 1815. He is a stockholder in the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, is very prominent and influential in his community, and is altogether a public-spirited and useful citizen. His venerable mother, still an active lady at the age of eighty-two years, is passing her declining years under his filial care.

SAMUEL DIMOCK. The remote English ancestor of our subject was Sir John Dymoke, Knight, of Gloucestershire, the hereditary Champion of England, who officiated as such at the coronation of Richard II, in 1377. From that time a Dymoke has always been available at each successive coronation. Sir John Dymoke was the owner and proprietor of the Manor of Scrirelsby and the estates connected therewith, and some of his descendants are to this day in possession of the same.

> "On gallant steed, in armor bright,
> His visor closed, and couched his lance,
> Proclaimeth the monarch's right
> To England, Ireland, Wales and France.
> Then bravely cry, with Dymoke bold,
> Long may the King triumphant reign;
> And when fair hands the sceptre hold
> More loudly still, long live the Queen."

But loyal and devoted as were the long line of Dymokes to their sovereign, one or two exceptions may be noted. Sir Thomas Dymoke, who had sympathized with the Lancastrians in the Wars of the Roses, was beheaded by order of Edward IV in 1477. Another Dymoke, who was sheriff of Lincolnshire, took part in the rising at the North called the "pilgrimage of Graces," under Robert Arke, for



Samuel Dimock

which he was persecuted and denounced by his sovereign. So much for the ancient line. Thomas Dimoke, son of Edward, from whom all the Dimocks, Dimmicks and Dimicks in this country descended, was the original settler of Barnstable, Mass., emigrating to America about the year 1733.

Samuel Dimock (1), the first member of the Dimock family to settle in the locality now known as Rocky Hill, Hartford Co., Conn., so far as can be ascertained was a shipbuilder by trade. His son, Samuel Dimock (2), kept a public house, since known as "Shipman's Hotel." The son of Samuel Dimock (2) was named Jared Goodrich, and was the father of our subject, whose name appears at the opening of this review. For three generations the family has resided at Rocky Hill, and the present Samuel Dimock was born Oct. 14, 1824, on the old homestead. Jared G. Dimock was a fife-major in the State militia. On Dec. 17, 1823, he married Sophia Butler, who bore him four children, of whom Samuel is the eldest, the others being: Andrew, who resides in Boston, and is treasurer of the American Shoe Tip Co.; and Mary Olivia and Selina Harper, who are both deceased. Jared G. Dimock was an active worker in the Congregational Church, and an earnest and consistent member of that body for more than fifty years, serving as deacon of the same until he died, on Christmas Day, 1887, at the extraordinary age of eighty-six years. His first wife had long preceded him to the better land, having entered into rest April 30, 1854. His second wife was Sarah M. Robbins, who died July 5, 1891. They all sleep in the beautiful cemetery of Rocky Hill.

Samuel Dimock, our subject, was reared upon his father's farm, received an academic education, and attended a private school in New Haven kept by Gen. Palmer, graduating at the age of sixteen. He at once became a pedagogue, teaching in Montpelier, Vt., and towns adjoining his place of residence. After four years of teaching he engaged in mercantile business in Springfield, Mass., and continued thus some years, becoming a buyer, seller and shipper of all sorts of farm products. The last twenty-five years Mr. Dimock, although always a man of affairs, has given his principal attention to conducting his own farm. On Oct. 14, 1846, he was married to Mary Sophia Smith, who died nearly forty years later, April 3, 1886. The following year Mr. Dimock married Miss Ella M. Rhodes, of Wethersfield, and to this union have been born three children: Eleanor Sophia, Samuel Jared and Mary Selina.

Politically Mr. Dimock is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in promoting the welfare of his party organization. While never an aspirant for office, his fellow citizens, recognizing his integrity, good sense and general capability, have insisted upon his accepting various posts of distinction. He represented Rocky Hill in the Legislature during the sessions of 1872 and 1873, was town clerk sixteen years, and has also been town treasurer, superintendent of schools, etc. He has been a notary public thirty years, executor of many estates, and acted in a fiduciary capacity in various ways. He has been a member of the Congregational Church for sixty years.

WILLIAM W. BARBER, a prominent farmer and milk dealer of the town of Windsor, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of the county.

Horace I. Barber, father of our subject, was born Feb. 10, 1818, at what is now Wilson Station, son of Horace and Lucy (Wilson) Barber, and during his boyhood and youth attended the Bucktown school, and the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield. When eight years of age he lost his father, and four years later went to Suffield, where he lived with a Mr. Pomeroy and attended school. On the completion of his education he began learning the harness maker's trade in the shop of Bowen & Co., corner of Temple and Main streets, Hartford, and subsequently followed that occupation until he embarked in farming. As his father had died at a comparatively early age, he had had little time to accumulate property, and the son had no capital left him to begin life. In 1847, after his marriage, he removed to the town of Windsor, and shortly afterward gave up his trade, and devoted his entire time to agricultural pursuits upon the farm now occupied by our subject. This place has been in the family since the town was formed, and was successfully operated by the father of our subject, who was engaged in farming exclusively, though earlier members of the family had also followed brick-making upon the farm. He was quite a robust man in his younger days, was a Democrat in politics and at one time served as selectman, but never sought office. He died July 28, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him, and his remains were interred at Windsor.

On Aug. 16, 1846, Horace I. Barber married Miss Harriet F. North, who was born in Genesee county, N. Y., June 28, 1827, and is still living upon the old homestead in Windsor town. She is a member of Grace Episcopal Church of Windsor, and is a most estimable lady. Three sons were born of this union: Horace I., who is now living in the West; Charles N., who taught in the Academy at Windsor, and died at the age of twenty-eight years; and William W., our subject. Isaiah North, father of Mrs. Barber, was born in Avon, Hartford Co., Conn., March 13, 1802, and was a blacksmith by trade. He first married Harriet Thompson, of Avon, by whom he had one son, William, now a retired lumberman of Kalamazoo, Mich. For his second wife Isaiah North married Miss Mary A. Woodward, who was born near Rochester, N. Y., in 1805, and was a daughter of ——— and Sarah (Hastings) Woodward (her

father was a native of Vermont, her mother of Lebanon, Conn.). Ten children were born of this union—two sons and eight daughters: Harriet F., mother of our subject; Sarah, widow of Orin Barber, of Hartford; Helen, who died at the age of eight years; Solomon D., a blacksmith of Winsted, Conn.; Adelia, deceased wife of John Gridley, of West Hartford; Jane, wife of James C. Hartley, of Hartford; Helen, who married David L. Aberdeen, and died in Hartford Dec. 14, 1891; Mary R., who married Melvin Davenport, and died in Worcester, Mass.; David W., a manufacturer of hardware at Bridgeport, Conn.; and Rachel, wife of Charles Case, of Hartford.

Horace Barber, paternal grandfather of our subject, was born Nov. 12, 1793, on the farm owned by our subject, and there spent his entire life as an agriculturist. He married Lucy Wilson, and to them were born five children, two of whom reached adult age: Horace I., father of our subject; and Eliza C., who married William Wells, of South Windsor. The great-grandfather, Eli Barber, was born March 29, 1761, and lived to the extreme old age of ninety-eight years. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Forbes, and the mother of all his children. She died Dec. 24, 1817. The children were: Eli H., born in January, 1792, died upon his farm near the old homestead; Horace was next in the order of birth; Lorana, born Sept. 23, 1796, never married, and died at the age of seventy-one years; Jerusha, born May 30, 1798, married Henry White, of South Windsor, and lived to be over seventy-two; Giles, born April 1, 1800, was a farmer, and died unmarried at the age of seventy; Orin, born in December, 1802, died in Utica, N. Y., when a young man; Abigail, born May 10, 1804, married Lyman Stockbridge, of Hartford; and Mary J., born June 26, 1808, married Lucius Coe, of New York, where she died at the age of over fifty. Eli Barber's parents were Capt. Nathaniel and Hepzibah (Loomis) Barber, the latter a daughter of Ichabod Loomis. Capt. Nathaniel Barber was born Dec. 5, 1717, and was a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Filley) Barber. Nathaniel Barber was born April 6, 1691, and was a son of Lieut. Josiah and Abigail (Loomis) Barber, the latter a daughter of Nathaniel Loomis. Lieut. Josiah Barber was born Feb. 15, 1653, and was the youngest son of Thomas Barber, who came to Windsor in 1635, with the Saltonstall party, under Francis Stiles, and whom the histories of Windsor town and Hartford county mention as the first of the name in New England. He was twenty-one years of age in 1635. He was married in New England, and had six children: John, Thomas, Sarah, Samuel, Mary and Josiah, from whom a numerous family have sprung.

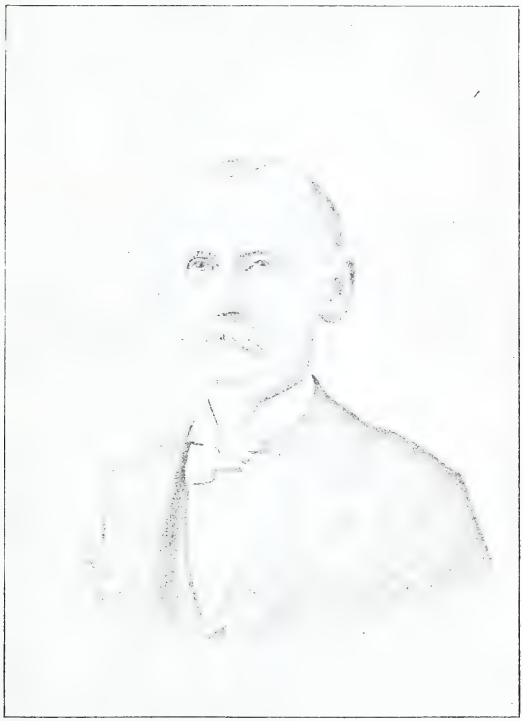
William W. Barber, subject of this review, was born on the old homestead Nov. 1, 1851, and was educated in the Bucktown District school and Windsor Academy. Since his school days ended he has given his attention to the cultivation of the home farm, and since 1889 has engaged in the retail milk business, having previous to that time sold his milk wholesale. He is thoroughly up-to-date in the management of his farm, is enterprising and progressive in his business methods, and is to-day one of the substantial citizens of the county. He keeps from twenty to twenty-eight cows for dairying. Politically Mr. Barber is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, has been a member of the school committee, and in 1886 represented Windsor town in the State Legislature. In November, 1879, he married Miss Flora L. Pinney, of Bloomfield, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Allyn) Pinney. Her father was a son of Judge Pinney, of Ellington, and her mother was from Enfield. The children born to our subject and wife are Florence, Grace, William I., Samuel P. and Charles E.

JOSEPH BUTLER FAIRFIELD. Among the Huguenots who fled to England, to escape religious persecution in France, were the ancestors of this well-known citizen of Suffield, and the family has been identified with New England since the coming of the "Mayflower" in 1620, tracing to Miles Standish on his mother's side. Its members in every generation have been noted for their industry, thrift and temperate habits, and while few of the name have accumulated great fortunes it is doubtless because they are content with enough, and never sought to grasp and hold the share of wealth that of right belonged to others. In such ancestry a man may well take pride, and Mr. Fairfield, who is the only representative of his family in Suffield, well maintains the honor and prestige of the name. His ancestors, both the Fairfields and Bulkleys, were of gentle blood, and have coats of arms.

John Fairfield, our subject's great-great-grandfather, was a wealthy merchant in Boston, but lost his property through endorsing for another. His family was scattered, some of the sons going to Maine, others to Canada, while his son John settled at Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

John Fairfield, our subject's great-grandfather, was one of the first to locate at Pittsfield, where he experienced all the vicissitudes of pioneer life, his first night there being spent in a hollow log—the only shelter available. His son John was the first white male child born there.

John Fairfield (2), son of the pioneer of Pittsfield, and the grandfather of our subject, was a "minute man" during the Revolutionary period. He was born Jan. 8, 1757, in a log fort, and always resided at Pittsfield, where he died Oct. 17, 1828, as a result of bursting a blood vessel by over exertion when his house was on fire. Three different times his remains have been disinterred and removed to make way for the city of Pittsfield to grow. In 1793 he married, for his first wife, Miss Lucy Howland, of Barnstable, Cape Cod, Mass., who was born June 22, 1768, and in 1801 he married her sister, Elizabeth Howland, who was born June 15, 1783,



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and died Aug. 23, 1859, at our subject's home in Suffield. By his first marriage he had two children: John, who died in childhood; and Rowland, a farmer at Newington, this county, who died in 1858. By the second marriage there were eight children: John (2), born April 5, 1802, married Mehitabel Hubbard, and died in Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass., at eighty-six years of age; Lucy H., born May 6, 1804, married William Merriam, and settled in Lorain county, Ohio; Martha, born Feb. 20, 1806, married Seth Coe, and died in Pittsfield, Mass.; Jonathan T. was our subject's father; George W., born March 4, 1810, married Eunice Butler, and died at Pittsfield; Mary E., born June 13, 1815, married Charles Pope, and died in Syracuse, N. Y.; Sarah R., born Sept. 13, 1819, married Francis Drake, and died in New York State, Sept. 13, 1844; and William W., born April 10, 1824, married Maria E. Sanford, and died at Penn Yan, New York.

Jonathan T. Fairfield, the father of our subject, was born at Pittsfield, Mass., March 23, 1808, and died Dec. 2, 1876, in Suffield, this county. He was reared as a farmer boy, and, owing to an affliction in his feet in his youth, he could not even take full advantages of the schools near his home. At thirty-one he married and left the old homestead, locating upon a farm in the same neighborhood, but soon afterward he removed to Hartford, where he engaged in business as a grocer for a time. In 1853, when failing health compelled him to return to a country life, he settled in Suffield, purchasing our subject's present homestead from Maj. John M. Hathaway. With characteristic enterprise, he ventured extensively, for that day, into tobacco culture, in connection with general farming, and while his neighbors thought one and one-half acres a large tract to devote to tobacco alone, he once planted eleven acres with good results, his crop always commanding the highest prices. He was a large man, "standing six feet in his stockings," and weighing about 180 pounds, while his frame was admirably proportioned. In his early manhood he was noted for his athletic powers, his feats of strength and endurance, either in sport or as part of a days' work, being remarkable. With all his strength, he was never quarrelsome, and, in fact, his disposition was rather retiring. Like his Huguenot ancestors he was of a strong religious bent. Politically he affiliated first with the Whigs, later with the Know-Nothings, and finally with the Republican party, of which he was one of the earliest and stanchest champions in Suffield. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia A. Butler, was born in 1809, at Rocky Hill, this county, and died Sept. 19, 1865, the remains of both being interred in the old cemetery in Suffield. She was descended from Miles Standish, the Pilgrim soldier, and the Bulkleys, who were engaged in shipbuilding at Rocky Hill, Conn., and the West India trade, enterprising and wealthy men of their time. She was a woman of most estimable character, and as a young girl enjoyed excellent educational opportunities, at Dodge's Seminary (afterward Maplewood Seminary), at Pittsfield, Mass. She was always equal to any emergency, possessing inventive and constructive genius of a high order. Her father, Capt. Joseph Butler, who married Mary Bulkley, was a sea captain for many years. During the war between France and England he lost his ship, which was captured by the French. Fortunately he had secreted some gold pieces in his shoe, and but for these he and his crew would have starved. His loss came under the list known as the "French Spoliation Claims," but when they were being settled all records of it had been mislaid, and his heirs received no compensation. Of the children of Jonathan T. and Julia A. Fairfield only two lived to maturity: Joseph B., our subject; and Mary E., who was born Oct. 2, 1852, and is now the wife of Franklin S. Harmon, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Joseph B. Fairfield was born July 11, 1846, in Hartford, and was about eight years old when his parents removed to Suffield. As a child he showed a remarkable love of learning, and before he could walk he could talk and knew the letters of the alphabet, and throughout his life he has found no difficulty in mastering any subject to which he turned his attention. His education was begun in the schools of Hartford, and after the removal to Suffield he attended the district schools near his home. Later he studied three years in a private school taught by Palmer Gallup, whose instruction he values most highly, and later he attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, in Suffield village. On leaving school he became interested in farming with his father at the homestead, which he has always considered a permanent residence, even when engaged in business elsewhere. He has made a specialty of tobacco culture, and for years was a dealer in leaf tobacco, his extensive trade keeping him much of the time in New York City, where he had an office. For ten years he was associated with his father-in-law, Joseph Fuller, an experienced insurance man, in the fire-insurance business, representing some of the best companies in the country. He has traveled extensively in the United States, and takes keen interest in all the issues of the day, being politically a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. Official life has no attractions for him, but in 1884 he sat on the first jury impaneled in the new county house at Hartford.

On Sept. 22, 1870, Mr. Fairfield married Miss Mary Fuller, who was born in Suffield, April 16, 1848, a daughter of Joseph and Cordelia (Smith) Fuller, and two children have blessed the union: Julia L., born Jan. 24, 1878, died July 12, 1884; and Carolyn May, born Dec. 11, 1885, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield are prominent in the social life of their town, and for years have been active workers in the Congregational Church and teachers in the Sunday-school, our subject formerly conduct-

ing a Bible class. For some time he was clerk of the Society, and his service as leader of the choir was continued until the pressure of business compelled his absence from the village for long periods. He is a member of Apollo Lodge No. 59, F. & A. M.; a charter member of Lyman Council, O. U. A. M., at Suffield, and he and his wife are both members of Suffield Grange. Mrs. Fairfield is a lady of unusual intelligence and force of character; she was educated in the North Street district school of Suffield, and the Connecticut Literary Institute. She is identified with many philanthropic movements, her sympathies being readily enlisted in any worthy cause, and she is president of the Ladies' Aid Society and vice-president of the Home Missionary Society. She also belongs to the Suffield Woman's Club, and is a charter member of Sybil Dwight Kent Chapter, of the D. A. R., at Suffield, her number in order being 15,456.

HENRY CLAY WOODWARD, one of the most prosperous and substantial agriculturists of Enfield, was born Oct. 27, 1829, on the farm in that town where he now resides, and on both sides comes of good Revolutionary stock.

The progenitor of the Woodward family in America, Richard Woodward, was born in England in the year 1589. He embarked Oct. 10, 1634, at Ipswich, England, for New England, making the voyage in the "Elizabeth," and settled immediately at Watertown, Mass. His wife's given name was Rose.

(II) George Woodward was born in England in 1621, accompanied his father to America, and died May 31, 1676.

(III) John Woodward, son of George and Mary Woodward, was born in Watertown, Mass., March 20, 1651, and died in 1728. His second wife was Sarah Bancroft.

(IV) Joseph Woodward was born in Newton, Mass., Nov. 26, 1688, and died May 30, 1727. On June 24, 1714, he married Elizabeth Silsby.

(V) Joseph Woodward was born Feb. 26, 1725-26, in Canterbury, Conn., and died July 8, 1814, at Ashford, Conn. He filled many public positions in Windham and Ashford, and for twenty-six years held the most important offices in the gift of his townsmen. He served in the Revolutionary war, and was in Boston at the time of its evacuation by the British; there is in existence a letter that he wrote to his wife, while there. On May 19, 1748, he married Elizabeth Perkins, a native of Norwich, Conn., who passed away Sept. 28, 1823, at the ripe age of ninety-one years. The record of their children is as follows: Elizabeth, born May 22, 1749, died Jan. 18, 1814. Joseph, born May 26, 1751. Jason, born July 19, 1753, died July 15, 1821. John was born June 10, 1755. Martha, born Aug. 13, 1757, died Jan. 8, 1847. William, born Nov. 14, 1759, served as a soldier in the Colonial army, was taken prisoner at Fort Washington, Nov. 16, 1776, and remained a prisoner until he died Dec. 30, of that year. Abner was the grandfather of our subject, and is mentioned more fully below. Phineas, born June 3, 1764, died in 1776. Othniel was born Sept. 8, 1766. Perkins Bushnell was born Aug. 17, 1770. Levi was born Aug. 19, 1773.

Abner Woodward was born July 10, 1762, in Ashford, Conn., became an extensive farmer, and died Jan. 28, 1840. He was twice married, first on April 15, 1789, to Miriam Knowlton, who was born Dec. 15, 1766, in Ashford, daughter of Abraham Knowlton, and a relative of Col. Knowlton, of Ashford, Conn.; she was a descendant of Miles Standish, who came over on the "Mayflower." To this union came two children: Hial, born Sept. 20, 1790; and Joseph, born Dec. 30, 1792, who died Oct. 17, 1793. Mrs. Woodward died Aug. 14, 1793, in her twenty-seventh year, and for his second wife Abner Woodward married Eunice Fuller, who was born July 1, 1769. To this union came nine children, namely: Joseph, born Nov. 17, 1795, died Aug. 31, 1851; Jonathan, born Sept. 23, 1797, died Dec. 10, 1875; Jerusha, born June 26, 1799, died Oct. 27, 1847; Jelina, born Sept. 8, 1802 (no date of death); Ashbel, born June 26, 1804, died in December, 1885; Otis, born Aug. 10, 1807, died May 26, 1894; Henry, born in 1809, died Dec. 6, 1809; Elizabeth Perkins, born in August, 1811, died Feb. 26, 1814; and Royal, born Nov. 13, 1815, died Oct. 2, 1882. According to "Connecticut in the Revolution" [p. 657] Abner Woodward was a pensioner of the Revolutionary war, serving in that struggle through several campaigns.

(VII) Hial Woodward, the father of our subject, was born in Ashford (other notes say Willington), Conn., Sept. 20, 1790. On Feb. 8, 1818, he married Miss Anna Higgins Andrews, daughter of Abram Andrews, of Haddam, Conn., where she was born Dec. 30, 1796. Soon after their marriage they located in Enfield, Hartford county. He started the first United States mail coach on the east side of the Connecticut river between Hartford, Conn., and Walpole, Mass., running same for seven years. Later he engaged in farming in Enfield, and in 1826 settled on the farm now occupied by his son, Henry C., where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a soldier in the war of 1812-15, serving from Aug. 18, 1814, to Oct. 24, 1814. ["Connecticut in the Revolution." "Connecticut Militia, War of 1812," p. 140]. To Hial Woodward and wife were born the following children: Miriam, born Feb. 11, 1819, married Erastus Hemingway, by whom she had three daughters, and died [date of death not given]. Anna Maria, born Sept. 21, 1820, became the wife of George L. Welton, had six children, and died April 30, 1880. Emily, born Dec. 14, 1822, married George Lord, had a family of six children, and died Nov. 28, 1884. William, born Oct. 15, 1824, married Abigail Smith, by whom he had five children, and died May 28, 1873. Sarah C., born July 2, 1826, married James

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B. Packard, and had two children; she now lives in Chicago, Ill., with her daughter, Mrs. Aaron B. Mead. Abner, born Feb. 7, 1828, married Lucy Harris, who bore him six children; he died May 11, 1895. Henry C., born Oct. 27, 1829, is next in the order of birth. Hial, born May 24, 1832, died Sept. 10, 1833. Joseph, born Aug. 20, 1835, resides in Montana. Harriet L., born Aug. 24, 1837, is the wife of Caleb L. Packard, and resides in Hartford, Conn. The father died at his home in Enfield, March 23, 1857; the mother survived him several years, dying Feb. 15, 1875.

Abram Andrews, our subject's maternal grandfather, was a native of Haddam, Conn. He was a soldier in both the Revolution and the war of 1812, entering the former struggle at the age of sixteen, and serving for several years. For many years he carried on a grocery business at Hartford, Conn., but when the war of 1812 broke out he again offered his services to the government, and died while with his company at Green Bay, Wis. He married Sarah Higgins, of Haddam, Connecticut.

On the homestead where he now lives Henry C. Woodward was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and during his youth he learned the carpenter's trade in Hartford, serving an apprenticeship of two and one-half years. In 1856 he went to Charleston, S. C., where he was employed as foreman of a gang of slave carpenters for one year, and the following year engaged in contracting on his own account. Returning to Enfield in 1858, he was for several years extensively engaged in contracting and building there and in the surrounding towns, including Boston and Hartford, and at one time employed as many as forty carpenters, besides outside help. He continued in that business until 1877, since when he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of tobacco raising and dairying, and keeping on hand for the latter purpose a herd of twenty cows. He has met with well-deserved success in his undertakings, and besides his home farm he owns valuable property in Windsor Locks.

On May 15, 1861, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Hall, who was born in Simsbury, Conn., Dec. 31, 1836, a daughter of Joseph N. and Wealthy Ann (Lord) Hall, of Windsor, Conn., where she was reared.

To this union were born five children: Cassius Henry, born July 20, 1863, was married in 1895 to Miss Sarah Morris, of Ping, Garfield Co., Wash., and has two children, Irene, born Nov. 13, 1896, and Charles Homer, born Sept. 16, 1898; they reside in Idaho. Carrie Hall was born July 7, 1865. Herbert William, born Jan. 17, 1872, died May 25, 1873. Burton Knowlton, born June 30, 1873, was married June 23, 1897, to Grace E. Pryor, of Enfield, and has two children, Henry Abbe, born April 2, 1898, and Burton Knowlton, born April 21, 1899; he is a resident of Troy, N. Y. Mary Adelaide, born March 7, 1876, was married June 28, 1899, to Albert M. Jones, who is principal of the boys literary department in Perkins Institute, South Boston, Mass., where they reside. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are faithful members of the First Congregational Church of Enfield, and are held in high regard by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. Socially he is a charter member of Doric Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. Politically he was a Democrat until the Greeley movement, in 1872, since which time he has been an ardent Republican. He has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and in 1891 originated the Citizens ticket, which was successful for three years. His life has been manly, his actions sincere, his manner unaffected, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Woodward is descended through his grandmother, Miriam Knowlton, from Capt. William Knowlton, the ancestor of the American branch of the family, who was a native of England. He married, in his native country, Ann Elizabeth Smith, and is supposed to have sailed with his family from the port of London in 1632, bound for Nova Scotia. He was part owner of the ship in which he took passage. Capt. Knowlton died on the voyage. His widow and children after remaining in Nova Scotia a short time, removed to Ipswich, Massachusetts.

(II) William Knowlton, born in 1610, died in 1655, in Ipswich, Mass., where he had made his home, following the trade of bricklayer. He was a member of the Congregational Church. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

(III) William Knowlton, born in 1642, lived for a number of years in Ipswich, Mass., where he married, his wife's given name being Susanna. He was fined for having a pack of cards in his house. In 1678 he moved to New York, and in 1682 to Norwich, Conn. He died about 1699.

(IV) Thomas Knowlton, eldest child of William, above, was married (first), on Dec. 9, 1692, to Marjory Goodhue, who was a granddaughter of Deacon William Goodhue, a prominent citizen of Ipswich, and a representative in the Colonial Assembly for eight years.

(V) Robert Knowlton was born Sept. 7, 1693, in Ipswich, Mass., and on Nov. 21, 1717, married Hannah Robinson. He moved to Sutton, N. H., and thence to Ashford, Conn., being the first of the Knowltons to settle in that town, where he died Dec. 29, 1794. He was a representative to the Colonial Assembly for sixteen years.

(VI) Abraham Knowlton, youngest child of the above, was born April 3, 1740, in Ashford, Conn., and on March 21, 1763, married Molly Knox. He died June 14, 1821, at Ashford. Miriam, his third child and second daughter, married Abner Woodward, grandfather of Henry C. Woodward.

Through his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Perkins, Henry C. Woodward is descended from John

and Judith Perkins, the former born in England in 1590, died in 1654.

(II) Sergt. Jacob Perkins, born in 1624, married in 1647 Elizabeth Lovell, and died in 1699.

(III) Deacon Joseph Perkins, born in 1674, was married in 1700 to Martha Morgan, and died in 1726.

(IV) Capt. John Perkins born in 1709, in Norwich, Conn., died there in 1761. In 1730 he married Elizabeth Bushnell, and their daughter Elizabeth married Joseph Woodward, our subject's great-grandfather.

CHARLES CHANDLER SHELDON, general farmer and tobacco grower of West Suffield, is a native of Windsor, Conn., born May 1, 1834. The Sheldon family is one of the oldest in the section, and descends from a Colonial family of English origin, which came from that part of the County of Essex nearest London.

Isaac Sheldon, an ancestor of our subject, was born in Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., in 1629, and when a young man removed to Northampton, Mass., engaged in farming, and there married Mary Woodford. Later he brought his family to what is now known as Suffield, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life. His son, Jonathan, was born May 29, 1689, settled in West Suffield, built a fine dwelling on his large estate, and was well known as Capt. Jonathan Sheldon, as he was in command of a company of militia. His dwelling is still standing, and is now owned by Charles L. Austin. On Dec. 30, 1708, Capt. Sheldon married Mary Southwell, and their daughter, Mary, married Rev. Jonathan Judd, who was an inmate of the Captain's house while on probation as a minister of the Congregational Church at West Suffield. Another daughter, Silence, became the first wife of Rev. John Graham, who for fifty years was a minister of the same church in West Suffield, and to this marriage were born ten children. After the death of his first wife, Rev. Graham married the Widow Smith, whose maiden name was Deborah King, and she bore him seven children, the youngest of whom was Dr. Sylvester Graham, a well-known Presbyterian divine, elocutionist and vegetarian, whose name is widely known throughout the world as the originator of the bread and flour which bear his name.

Jonathan Sheldon, a son of the Captain, and the great-great-grandfather of Charles Chandler Sheldon, was born in 1711, on the old homestead, and all his life was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He married Sarah Kent, and died on his farm Feb. 12, 1761, six years before the death of his father. In religion he was a Congregationalist, while his wife was a Baptist, but the remains of both were interred in the same grave in the West Suffield cemetery. Their son Jonathan, great-grandfather of our subject, was born on the old homestead, Dec. 28, 1737, and passed all his mature life on the farm now owned by Henry A. Sheldon. He married Abigail Loomis in 1762, and they had six children: Jonathan, Nov. 29, 1763; Gad, Feb. 28, 1765; Obadiah, Oct. 23, 1766; Jane, Oct. 23, 1768; Arastus, Oct. 29, 1770; and Abigail, Oct. 3, 1772. The father of this family died on his farm Feb. 10, 1814, a member of the Congregational Church and a sincere Christian.

Hon. Arastus Sheldon, the grandfather of subject, was educated in the district schools of his town, settled down to farming on the old homestead, on which he made many improvements, and there remained to the close of his life. He was an adherent of the political principles of Thomas Jefferson, and served as representative in the State Legislature. He married Eunice King, Nov. 16, 1796, and nine children were born to the marriage: James, March 17, 1798; Obadiah, May 24, 1800; Horace, Sept. 21, 1802; Jairus, Sept. 23, 1804; Gad, Dec. 30, 1806; Francis, Feb. 4, 1809; Julia Ann, Jan. 14, 1811 (she became the wife of Jared Smith, of Massachusetts); Alfred J., Jan. 18, 1813; and Eliza A., Feb. 24, 1816 (who married Sylvester Pomeroy). The mother of these children passed away Nov. 20, 1830, the father on March 27, 1840, and the remains of both lie at rest in the West Suffield cemetery.

Hon. Gad Sheldon, father of subject, was born on the old homestead, was educated in the common schools, and remained on the home place until he attained his majority. Locating in Windsor, Conn., he there conducted a hotel for eight years, and then returning to West Suffield purchased through the Legislature a tract of 106 acres near the East Granby line, which tract had been owned by some culprit who had been sentenced to life imprisonment. Here Mr. Sheldon engaged in the cultivation of tobacco, and in general farming, in connection with stock raising and dairying. He became very prominent in politics, filled the office of selectman several years, was a member of the State Legislature several terms, and for many years was a justice of the peace. He was also very active in church work, and for ten years a deacon in the Congregational Church. He first married, April 5, 1831, Miss Lucinda Chandler, who was born in Windsor, Dec. 2, 1808, a daughter of Isaac Chandler. This marriage was blessed with three children: Charles Chandler, the subject of this sketch; Allen Jairus, who was born July 12, 1836, and married Eliza Baylis; and Alfred Gad, born Jan. 11, 1845, married Elizabeth Wright, and now resides in Middletown, Conn. Mrs. Lucinda Sheldon was called from earth Dec. 23, 1862, and Mr. Sheldon for his second wife wedded, Nov. 8, 1863, Harriet C. Dennison, who was born in Southwick, Mass. This lady died Dec. 20, 1893, without isue. Mr. Sheldon had passed away Feb. 8, 1882, and his taking off was deplored as one of the greatest afflictions that had befallen the community for many years.

Charles Chandler Sheldon was primarily edu-

cated in the public schools of West Suffield, then attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and finished his schooling at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. He remained on the home farm as an assistant to his father until twenty-five years of age, when the latter gave him the entire charge of the place; since then, however, he has purchased a farm of 165 acres, and has been engaged in tobacco growing, as well as in the usual branches of farming pursued in the neighborhood. He has also erected for himself a new dwelling, fitted with all modern conveniences.

Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage, Dec. 15, 1858, with Miss Helen M. Nelson, a native of Suffield, a daughter of Horatio King Nelson, and a sister of Clinton H. Nelson, whose sketch appears elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have been born three children: Emma H., born Dec. 30, 1859, was educated in the public schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, taught school herself very successfully in the same town, and is now the wife of Nelson Talmage, of East Granby, to whom she was married April 6, 1898; George Allen, the second child, was born March 9, 1862, married Olive Root, daughter of Francis Root, and has one child, Howard Root, born April 27, 1898, (he is now farming on the old homestead); the youngest of the family, Clara Martha, born Aug. 8, 1864, was married June 1, 1887, to George B. Alderman, and has three children: Edna Clara, born Jan. 13, 1892; Ethel S., born June 10, 1895, and Edith, born Dec. 25, 1897.

Mr. Sheldon is a stanch Democrat in politics, and, though not at all eager for public office, has consented several times to accept positions at the hands of his party, with whom he is very popular, among the offices he has held being those of selectman of his native town, assessor, member of the board of relief and justice of the peace. His wife is a most estimable lady, and no family in the town is held in higher esteem by the residents than that of Charles Chandler Sheldon.

CHARLES C. WOODRUFF. Southington has no more progressive, energetic and skillful agriculturist than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born on his present farm in West street, May 20, 1830, a son of Asahel and Catherine (Langdon) Woodruff. The father, who was born Nov. 26, 1786, died Dec. 15, 1863, and the mother departed this life Feb. 1, 1859. She was a daughter of Capt. Giles and Sarah (Carter) Langdon.

John Woodruff, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born about 1740, and married Catherine, daughter of Stephen and Temperance Bushnell. He died April 18, 1807, his wife, Aug. 20, 1809. His father, John Woodruff, was born April 5, 1708, and was married, Aug. 11, 1729, to Eunice Wiard, who died May 7, 1761. He died on West street, Oct. 17, 1794. He was a son of Samuel Woodruff, who was born in Farmington, Aug. 26, 1661, and in 1686 married Rebecca, daughter of John Clark. About 1698 he removed to what is now Southington, and was the first white man to locate there. He died Jan. 8, 1742, and his wife, Aug. 4, 1737. About 1640 his father, Matthew Woodruff, came from Hartford to Farmington, where he was one of the eighty-four proprietors in 1672, and died there in 1682.

Throughout his entire life the subject of this sketch has made his home on the farm where he now resides, and his education was acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood. As soon as old enough he began aiding in the work of the farm, and has since devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits with good results. For a period of six years, during early manhood, he was engaged in selling hardware in New York and all of the New England States with the exception of Maine. On Jan. 16, 1872, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah (Clark) Weeks, a daughter of Norris and Harriet (Bassett) Clark, of Plainville. Mr. Woodruff is one of Southington's most respected and influential citizens, is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and a consistent member of the First Congregational Church of Southington.

NEELAND LOOMIS MILLER, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of West Suffield, was born in East Hartland, Hartford Co., Conn., Dec. 7, 1857. His grandfather, Solomon E. Miller, was also a native of East Hartland, where he owned property and engaged in farming and stock raising throughout life. At his death he was buried there. He was a good Christian man, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married Miss Harriet Hoodley, of Hartland, who died in East Hartland, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. To them were born the following children: Milo; Seth; Myron; Emily; Ebenezer Hoodley; Eugene and Eugenia, twins; Mary; Jane; and one who died in infancy.

Ebenezer Hoodley Miller, father of our subject, was born in 1825, on a farm in East Hartland, where he was reared, and he received a liberal education in the common schools near his home. After reaching manhood he engaged in peddling Yankee notions in New York and Connecticut, carrying on that business for two years. He then settled down to farming in East Hartland, where for over half a century he has since engaged in agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of stock raising and dairying. He has met with marked success in his undertakings, and is justly regarded as one of the representative and most prominent citizens of his community. He has taken an active and influential part in local politics; has been a lifelong Democrat; has represented Hartland in the State Legislature for two terms; and has filled other offices,

such as selectman, etc. In Granby, Hartford county, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Mary Phelps, a native of that place, and a daughter of Philo Phelps, one of the old and honored citizens of Granby. This worthy couple are still living in East Hartland, happy and contented with their lot, well-known and highly respected, and are faithful members of the Congregational Church. To them were born seven children: Philo, a farmer of the town of Granby; Frank E., a farmer of the town of Suffield; Neeland L., our subject; Adelia, who died young; Flora A., wife of George Paine, of Springfield, Mass.; Harriet, in Springfield; and Mary P., at home.

During his boyhood and youth Neeland L. Miller attended the district schools of East Hartland, and he worked on the home farm for his parents until he attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself working by the month at farm labor first in the town of Granby. Later he took a farm on shares in Suffield for two years, and then rented a farm for three years in Agawam, Mass. Going to North Granby, he rented the A. L. Holcomb farm, on which he engaged in general farming, tobacco raising and dairying until 1895, when he purchased the Horace Clark farm of seventy-five acres at West Suffield. Upon this place he has since made many improvements, and to its cultivation has devoted his energies with good success.

Mr. Miller was married in Granby to Miss Nellie L. Barnes, a native of North Granby, where her parents, Charles and Mary Ann (Fox) Barnes, are still living, honored and respected by all who know them. The father was born in Granby, a son of Samuel Barnes, and in early life learned the wheelwright's and carpenter's trades, which he followed for a number of years, but of late years has carried on farming in North Granby. He is now eighty-two years of age, and has been a lifelong supporter of the Democracy. In the town of Granby, he wedded Mary Ann Fox, a daughter of William Fox, an old settler of the town, and seven children were born of this union: William Murray, a resident of North Granby; Lillie, wife of Henry Strickland, of North Granby; Nellie L., wife of our subject; Frank, a resident of Granby; Frederick, who died young; Hattie, wife of Henry Brown, of Simsbury, Conn.; and Cora, wife of Edward Fairchild, of Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children: Clara Edith, Pearl Neeland, Walter Ray and Arthur Roy. The family attend the Congregational Church, and Mr. Miller is identified with the Democratic party.

CHARLES CURTISS PERSIANI, the popular superintendent of the bolt works of Clark Brothers & Co., at Milldale, was born in New Jersey Jan 7, 1858, and is a son of William U. and Elizabeth A. (Curtiss) Persiani.

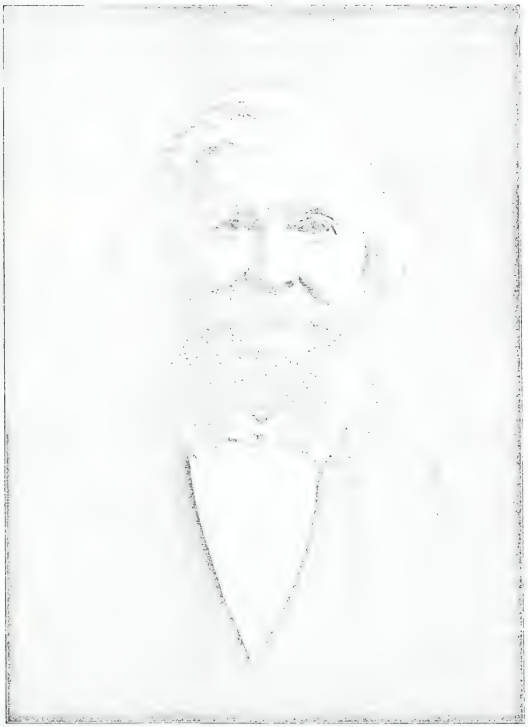
The father was born in this country, of Italian parentage, and held various positions under the United States Government. He spent his last days in Omaha, Neb., where his death occurred. In his family were five children who reached years of maturity, namely: Charles C.; William U.; Florence, now the wife of Arthur I. Maltby; Geneveive L.; and Frederick. Our subject's mother was of New England ancestry, and was a daughter of Charles Curtiss, who was a merchant and stage owner, and was also interested in railroading and banking, being one of the promoters of the Dry Dock Savings Bank of New York City, where he died. His wife was a Miss Decker.

Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Milldale, this county, and was prepared for college at a private school in Providence, R. I. In the winter of 1878-79 he located in Milldale and entered the employ of Clark Brothers & Co., as an apprentice to the machinist's trade, serving three years. With the exception of three years spent with the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and the Walkley Hardware Co., he has continued in the employ of Clark Brothers & Co., working as a journeyman until 1894, when he was appointed to his present position, which he is now filling with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of his employers and the men under him.

On Feb. 3, 1886, Mr. Persiani was united in marriage with Miss Emma, daughter of William and Barbara (Reisch) Erbe, of Plantsville, formerly of Germany, and to this union have been born two children: Geneveive M. and Charles C., Jr. Mr. Persiani is a supporter of the Congregational Church of Plantsville, and in politics is a Republican.

SYLVESTER FREDERICK CHARTER. Hartford county has many well-to-do and successful farmers who have accumulated what they have of this world's goods through individual effort. Among this class the name of the subject of this notice is entitled to an honorable place. He is now residing in Enfield town, where he is industriously engaged in general farming and tobacco growing, and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Charter was born in Tolland, Tolland county, Jan. 19, 1825, and is a son of Samuel and Ruth (Webster) Charter, also natives of Tolland, where the father and grandfathers, Nathan Charter and Simeon Webster, all engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout life. Reared in his native town, our subject early became familiar with the occupation of farming, and acquired his literary education in the common schools of the locality. On starting out in life for himself he worked as a farm hand, continuing to follow that vocation unil 1844, when he went to Hazardville, where for one year he was employed as coachman by the head of the Hazard Powder Company. Later he worked in the powder mills for five years, and for the same length of time was engaged in carting powder from one mill to another. In 1853 he purchased a lot of the Hazard Powder Co., and



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erected a brick hotel, which he opened to the public in 1854, successfully conducting the same until 1880. In 1855 he set out an elm tree east of his hotel, and it has grown so large that he is now unable to reach half way around it; it is considered one of the landmarks of the town. While still conducting the hotel Mr. Charter purchased the farm of one hundred acres in Enfield town, which he still owns and now occupies, and which is one of the best equipped farms in the locality. Here he has resided since 1885, and has successfully engaged in its operation.

Mr. Charter married Sophronia Page, daughter of Moses Page, of Vermont. They had four children, namely: Frederick, deceased; Jane; Martha; and Ellsworth. In his political views Mr. Charter is a stanch Democrat, and for one year he served as assessor of Enfield. His career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, and he has a host of warm friends in Hartford county.

WILLIAM VANDEVEER GODDARD, a well-known and prominent agriculturist of West Granby, was born on the old homestead there, March 7, 1854, and is a representative of one of its old and most highly-respected families.

Byron Pitt Goddard, his grandfather, was born in Granby, Jan. 7, 1805, and received only the educational advantages afforded by the district school of the town at that day, becoming a self-educated as well as self-made man, and one of Granby's representative citizens. As his father died when he was quite young, he was reared by his grandfather, Capt. Richard Case, a well-known resident of Granby. Byron P. Goddard began his business career in the Collinsville axe factory, and later went to Windsor, where he was employed as an iron worker for some time. In 1843 he turned his attention to farming, in the town of West Granby, where he purchased 135 acres of land known as the Huggins tract, and was for forty-five years engaged in farming, stock raising and dairying there. He made some extensive improvements upon the place, including the erection of a good residence and barn. He was a well-posted man on the leading events of the day, and a good conversationalist, and was noted for his upright character and honorable dealings. For over thirty years he was prominently identified with public affairs, filling a number of local offices in the town of Granby, such as selectman and deputy sheriff, and also representing the town in the State Legislature with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. That he had the entire confidence of his neighbors and friends is shown by the fact that he was often called upon to settle up estates and perform similar duties. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he lived up to the golden rule, and was quite temperate in his habits. In politics he was first a Democrat, later a Republican. In Granby, March 8, 1827, he married Miss Abigail Phelps Segar, who was born there May 8, 1801, a daughter of Augustus Segar, a well-known citizen of the township. Of the three children born to this union, Wharton Horatio, father of our subject, was the eldest; Mary Jane, born March 20, 1838, married Edward Case, of Bloomfield; and Byron, born Feb. 7, 1844, is now deceased. The grandfather died Feb. 13, 1888, his wife Jan. 3, 1888, and both were buried in Granby. They had traveled life's journey together for nearly sixty-one years, and were not long separated by death. She was a good Christian woman, and was much respected in the community for her devotion to her husband and family.

Wharton Horatio Goddard, our subject's father, was born in Granby June 20, 1830, and attended the public schools, also the Granby Academy. Being ambitious to learn, he studied hard to obtain a good education, and often spent his evenings at the home of an old school master who assisted him in fitting himself for the teacher's profession. At the age of eighteen he taught in the Granby Academy, and later had charge of public schools in New Jersey, but on account of his health was forced to give up that noble but ill-paid profession. He then learned the trade of a carriage trimmer, in the carriage works in West Granby, and, as his health did not improve, he commenced studying medical works in order to find out something of his own illness. This led to a desire to enter the medical profession, and he later became a student in a Medical College at Philadelphia, where he was graduated with honors in 1858. He commenced practice in Northumberland county, Penn., but soon after the breaking out of the Civil war returned to Hartford county, opening an office in Tariffville. Desiring to be of some service to his country in her hour of need, Mr Goddard enlisted, in 1862, for nine months, and was appointed second assistant surgeon of the 25th Conn. V. I. With the regiment he went to Baton Rouge, where he was a surgeon in the hospital at that place, and he remained with his comand the full term for which he enlisted. While returning to New York he was violently sick on board ship, but survived the journey, and after landing in New York City was taken to the home of Mrs. William Vandeveer, where he died three days later, Aug. 18, 1863, three days before his regiment was mustered out. The people of his State fully appreciating the sacrifice he had made for his country, had the following written: "Hartford, Conn., July 4, 1867. The State of Connecticut, desiring to recognize in a permanent and appropriate form the faithful and heroic service of her citizen soldiers, has, by unanimous vote of the General Assembly of 1867, directed the undersigned to present to Wharton H. Goddard, second assistant surgeon 25th Conn. V. I., this testimonial of honor in grateful remembrance of the courage and patriotism by him displayed in the late war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and the

preservation of the constitutional liberty. [Signed] James E. English, Governor of Connecticut, Ephraim H. Hyde, Lieutenant-governor, James T. Wart, Speaker of the House." The remains of Dr. Goddard were interred in the Granby cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, was broad-minded and liberal in his views, was a close student and observer, was honest in his convictions, and made a host of warm friends by his genial, pleasant manner.

In Granby, July 3, 1851, Dr. Goddard married Miss Lorinda Emma Hayes, who was born there, a daughter of Dudley and Naomi (Rose) Hayes, of Granby. To them were born four children: William V., our subject; Isadore, who died in childhood; George E., a resident of Baltimore, Md.; and Frank E., a resident of Hartford. For her second husband, Mrs. Goddard married Capt. A. C. Wood, of Brooklyn, N. Y., by whom she had three children, all now deceased, namely: Leon, Emma and Agnes. The mother died in Brooklyn Jan. 6, 1890, and was buried in Granby cemetery. She was an earnest Christian woman, a member of the Baptist Church.

William V. Goddard, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Granby up to the age of thirteen, and attended the public schools in New York City two years. At the age of fifteen he commenced life for himself as a cashier, and later became bookkeeper in a grocery store in New York City, where he was employed for two years. He was then employed by the New York & Harlem Transportation Co., and was connected with the passenger boats running from New York to Harlem, being thus employed for ten years, most of the time as purser, having gradually worked his way upward to that responsible position. The introduction of elevated railroads in the city having destroyed the business for the steamboat company, the latter were compelled to sell their boats, and the last boat was disposed of to the Atlantic Steamboat Co., with which Mr. Goddard accepted a position as captain of the passenger boat running between New York City and Coney Island. He was thus employed until 1882, in which year, at the request of his paternal grandfather, he returned to Granby, and cared for him during his last years, having complete charge of his business affairs. After the grandfather's death he purchased the farm of 130 acres, and for the past eleven years has successfully carried on operations there as a general farmer and dairyman. He keeps a herd of Jersey cows, and is meeting with well-deserved success in his undertakings.

In New York City, in 1878, Mr. Goddard was married to Miss Elmira Naylor Morgan Wright, a native of that place, and a daughter of Morrison and Abbie Naylor (Morgan) Wright, in whose family were ten children. Mrs. Goddard is a well-educated lady, is quite prominent socially, and is an entertaining companion. Of the two children born to our subject and his wife, Lilla, an accomplished and attractive young lady, died at the age of sixteen years, and her death was a sad blow to her parents; and Wharton Morrison died at the age of nine months. Mr. Goddard is a supporter of the Republican party, has most efficiently served as a member of the school committee for a number of years, and is treasurer of the school district. Mr. Goddard is domestic in his tastes, caring nothing for political preferment. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known, and most of all where he is best known.

GEORGE HENRY PAYNE, an energetic and enterprising citizen of the town of Enfield, where he is now successfully engaged in general farming and tobacco culture, is a native of Hartford county, born at Warehouse Point Aug. 10, 1855, and is a son of Henry Humphrey and Lucretia (Nichols) Payne, both natives of East Windsor, the same county. The father, a pattern maker by trade, was in the employ of the Hazard Powder Co., at Hazardville, for twenty-four years, and died in 1896, at the age of sixty-four. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of our subject. His second union was with Marietta Taylor, by whom he had four children: Minnie, now Mrs. Clarence Perkins; Frederick E.; Arthur; and Herbert.

George H. Payne, the only child born of the first marriage, was reared in Hazardville from the age of four years, and was educated in the common schools of that place. He started out in life for himself as assistant in the canister shop of John Laws & Co., with which he was connected for four years, and for the following six years was employed in the saltpetre refinery of the Hazard Powder Co., since which time he has engaged in various enterprises, including farming, teaming and tobacco growing.

On Nov. 1, 1883, Mr. Payne was united in marriage with Miss Rosalia Lucretia French, a daughter of William R. and Mary (Johnson) French, of the town of Enfield, and to them have been born two children: Alton George and Clarence Alfred. Socially, Mr. Payne affiliates with DeSoto Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Springfield, Mass., and Tomtonamo Lodge, No. 23, O. U. A. M., of Hazardville, while politically he is identified with the Republican party. He is now serving his sixth term as selectman of Enfield town, and his official as well as his private duties have always been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged.

HENRY REVILO CHAPIN, a prominent and progressive citizen of Hazardville, where he is living practically retired, has spent his entire life in Enfield town, his birth having occurred there Oct. 17, 1833. His parents, Dan T. and Mariva (Sadd) Chapin, were natives of Enfield and East Windsor, respectively.

Deacon Samuel Chapin, the progenitor of the family in America, came from England in 1642, and

settled in Springfield, Mass., where he died in 1675. He was a prominent citizen of the town, having been appointed chief magistrate of Springfield in 1652, to succeed William Pynchon, his father-in-law. A few years ago a monument was erected in his honor in Court Square, Springfield. He married Mary, daughter of William Pynchon, and had four sons and three daughters: Japhet, born in 1642, died in 1712; he married Abalena Cooley, of Longmeadow, Mass., and after her death married Dorothy Root, of Enfield, Conn.; he was first selectman of Springfield in 1683. Henry is mentioned below. Catherine married Nathaniel Bliss in 1676, after his death married Thomas Gilbert, and after his death became the wife of Samuel Marshfield, from whom descended Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, the great and eloquent preacher. David, the next in order of birth, married Lydia Crump. Isaiah married Mary ———. Sarah married Rowland Thomas. Hannah married John Hitchcock in 1667.

(II) Henry Chapin, the next in the line of descent, married Bertha Colton, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

(III) Ebenezer Chapin (1), son of above Henry, was born in 1675, and died in 1772. His wife, Ruth, was born in 1682, and died in 1736.

(IV) Ebenezer Chapin (2), was born in 1711, and died in 1751; Elizabeth, his wife, was born in 1712, and died in 1786.

(V) Ebenezer Chapin (3), born in 1735, died in 1822. His wife, Mehitable, was born in 1734, and died in 1811. They had two sons, Ebenezer (4) and Timothy. Ebenezer Chapin (3) was a farmer of Enfield, and a prominent man of his time, active in church work and public affairs, and an honored and respected citizen.

(VI) Timothy Chapin, grandfather of our subject, was born in Enfield in 1762, and died in 1858. He was a farmer by occupation. He married, for his first wife, Lecta Barber, born in 1782, by whom he had two children: Reuben and Timothy B. She died in 1804. By his second wife, Susannah Terry, born in 1778, children were born as follows: Dan T., Henry, Gilbert, Joel and Francis. Mrs Chapin died in 1858.

Dan T. Chapin, our subject's father, spent his whole life in Enfield, and was one of the leading farmers and honored citizens of the community. Although quiet and unassuming in manner, he took an active and influential part in public affairs, serving as selectman of Enfield for thirteen years, and representing the town in the State Legislature for one term. He was born March 8, 1808, and died Sept. 20, 1892. On Oct. 31, 1832, he married Mariva Sadd, daughter of William Sadd, a prominent agriculturist of East Windsor, Hartford county, and their children were: Henry R., Joseph T., and Diantha M. (wife of Frank W. Parsons). (There are seven generations by lineal descent, including Ebenezer (1), buried in the Chapin lot in the Enfield (Conn.) cemetery, the lot being a double tier one and four rods in length).

Henry R. Chapin, the only one of the family now living, was reared in Enfield town, and early acquired an excellent knowledge of every department of farm work. His education was obtained in the common schools, the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and Wilbraham Academy, and at the age of seventeen years he commenced teaching school, a profession he successfully followed for seven years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he was likewise successful, becoming one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of Enfield. Since 1870 he has practically lived retired, though he has devoted some time to the real-estate business.

On Feb. 10, 1859, Mr. Chapin was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Allen, a daughter of Alfred and Henrietta (Thompson) Allen, of East Windsor, and a descendant of Deacon Samuel Allen, of Braintree, County of Essex, England, who in 1632 settled in Cambridge, Mass., and was a pioneer of Windsor, Conn., where he located in 1635. Her paternal grandfather was Joshua Allen, son of Samuel, son of Joseph, son of Samuel, son of John, son of Deacon Samuel Allen, before mentioned. Mrs. Chapin's maternal grandparents were Col. William and Tamar (Holton) Thompson, of East Windsor. Col. Thompson served with distinction in the war of 1812, and was a prominent farmer of East Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are the parents of four children: Henrietta M., wife of Frederick M. Davis, of Enfield; Albert H., who married Miss Emilie Dieckmann, Dec. 12, 1898, and lives in Lincoln, Neb.; Ida E., wife of George H. Ulmer, of Rockland, Maine; and Gilbert T., of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are faithful members of the First Congregational Church of Enfield, and they receive and merit the high regard of the entire community. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican, and he has been called upon to serve as grand juror one year, member of the board of relief one year, and member of the school board of Enfield for nine years. His public and private life are above reproach, for his career has ever been one characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no citizen of Enfield is more honored or highly respected.

RALPH T. IVES, one of the most progressive and enterprising young business men of Southington, who is now manager and treasurer of the Southington & Plantsville Tramway Co., was born in Plantsville Nov. 22, 1870, a son of Heber S. and Lucy E. (Buell) Ives.

The father was born in Meriden, Conn., in 1845, and was a son of Othniel and Mary (Howard) Ives, the former also a native of Meriden, the latter

of Vermont. The grandfather of our subject was a prominent farmer of Meriden, and held the office of selectman for many years. The father was reared in his native town and educated in the public school there. In early manhood he, too, followed the occupation of farming, but in 1868 removed to Plantsville, where he conducted a general store for twelve years. In 1899 he was appointed postmaster of that place, and with the exception of four years, during President Cleveland's first administration, he held the office until his death, which occurred May 22, 1894. He also served as tax collector several years. During the Civil war he was a member of Company K, 8th Conn. V. I., enlisting in September, 1861, was captured by the Rebels at Kinston, N. C., and was sent to Libby prison, where he remained for three weeks. He was then paroled, rejoined his regiment, and remained in the service until honorably discharged, in June, 1865. He entered the service as a private, and was mustered out as second lieutenant of Company E, 15th Conn. V. I. In his family were five children, namely: Susan B., Ralph T., Harry G., Muriel M. and Lucy E.

Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in Plantsville, where he attended the public schools, but his education was completed at the Lewis high school, and in Brown high school of Newburyport, Mass. In 1889 he began an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with the Pratt & Whitney Co., of Hartford, serving four years, and later he worked as a journeyman for two years with the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., of Southington. He then became connected with the Southern New England Telephone Co., as local manager at Southington, which position he still holds, and since 1897 has been treasurer and manager of the Southington & Plantsville Tramway Co. He is president and treasurer of the Wallingford Gas Light Co., and has already made for himself an enviable reputation in business circles by his straightforward, honorable course, and his energetic and industrious habits. In politics he is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1899.

JOHN BRAGG, one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of South Windsor, is a native of that town, and has been a resident within its borders through his entire life, save when fighting for his country's flag during the dark hours of the Civil war.

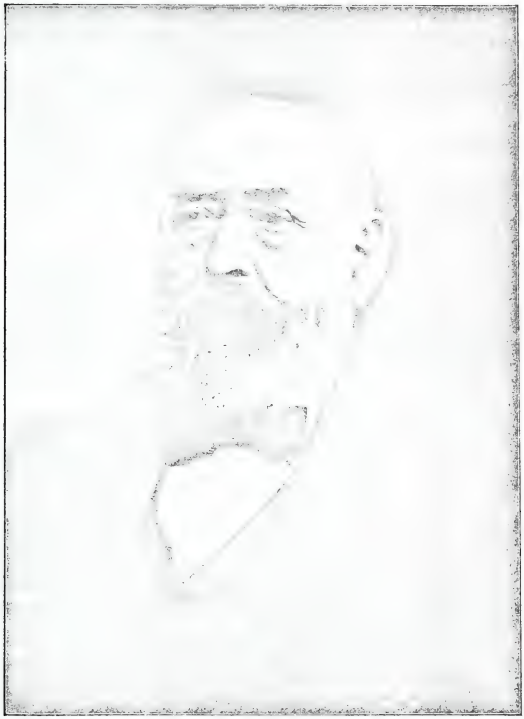
Mr. Bragg was born in South Windsor Nov. 7, 1843, a son of Sydney and Tirzey Bragg. He remained on the home farm until Aug. 7, 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, 16th Conn. V. I., and was mustered in at Hartford. Mr. Bragg saw active service at once, and participated in many of the most memorable and most stubbornly contested battles of the war. He was at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Suffolk, Gettysburg, Windsor, N. C., and other engagements, and was honorably discharged July 15, 1864. Two of his brothers, Cyril and Frank Bragg, were members of the same company and regiment.

After his discharge Mr. Bragg returned to South Windsor, where he has lived ever since. In 1870 he married Miss Elizabeth Reader, who is a native of England, and in her infancy was brought to America by her parents, Henry and Mary Ann Reader. To our subject and his wife have been born nine children: Mary A., George S., Ida M., Frederick A., John S., Tirzah E., Cyril E., Bertha I. and Nelson O. Mr. Bragg is a member of the G. A. R. Post at South Windsor. In politics he is a Republican. Himself and family are members of the Baptist Church.

JACOB BANTLE. No list of the prosperous and influential citizens of Glastonbury would be complete that did not include mention of the industrious and substantial citizen whose name here appears. Mr. Bantle is a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born July 25, 1830, son of Ignace and Celia Fleic Bantle, and grandson of Mathias Bantle, a large and successful farmer of Wittenberg. The father also was an extensive farmer of Wittenberg, where he died in 1853, his wife surviving him about six weeks. Their seven children were Jacob, our subject; Anton, a farmer, now living near East Hartford; Michael, a farmer near Detroit, Mich.; John, a farmer near Detroit; Rosie, who married Philip Hiem, of New Britain, and died June 10, 1899; Mary, who lived in New York City, and died April 15, 1900; and Johanna, a resident of Switzerland.

Our subject received a good common-school education in his native land and in his youth worked on his father's farm. He then served six years in the German army. Returning to the homestead, he worked at hard manual labor for $40 per year and board. With his savings he in 1857 purchased a passage aboard a sailing-vessel from Havre to New York, the voyage consuming forty-two days. With only a few dollars in his pocket he proceeded to Hartford, Conn., and thence to Glastonbury, where for a short time he was employed by Asa Talcott, father of L. H. L. Talcott, of Glastonbury. Later he worked three years in the woolen mills at South Glastonbury, then for three years in the woolen mills at Eagleville. In 1863 he paid a visit to his native land, remaining six months. Returning to America in 1864 he purchased from Lafa Moody ten acres of land, to which purchase he has since added twenty-five acres. He has erected sheds and made other notable improvements upon the place, and now has a well-tilled farm of thirty-five acres.

Mr. Bantle was married, Oct. 1, 1859, to Catherine Handel, who was born June 7, 1840, daughter of John George Handel, and five children have



Jacob Bantle

blessed this union: Julius J., born July 5, 1860, married Mary Braach, and has one daughter, Jennie (the mother is dead); Jacob W., born July 5, 1862, married Amelia Tenner, and has two children, Edith and Elsa; Charles married Lillian Bantle, of Michigan; Philip, a carpenter of Glastonbury, married Belle McCurry, and they had four children, only one, Everett, now living; Rosie is the wife of Charles Brucker, of Hartford, and has one daughter, Minnie. In politics our subject is a Democrat. He has never sought office, but in 1883 he was nominated without solicitation for the State Legislature, was elected, and served with ability. He has also served his town as justice of the peace. Mr. Bantle is liberal in his church views, and in local affairs is one of the town's most public-spirited residents. His neighbors speak of him as a "good citizen." He has prospered in his life vocation, and by his industry, thrift and good judgment has won an ample competence from the fertile acres which he possesses.

JOHN MASON. The English-born citizens of the United States form a valued element in our civilization, their ideals of citizenship being fully in accord with American progress. During the dark days of the Civil war many served gallantly in the Northern army, and the subject of this sketch, a highly-esteemed resident of East Windsor, was one of three brothers who thus gave proof of their love of freedom.

Mr. Mason comes of an old family of Yorkshire, England, where his parents, George and Charlotte (Rhodes) Mason, resided for some years after their marriage. In 1847 they came to America with their children, the voyage, which was made in a sailingvessel, lasting thirtyfive days. They landed at Boston, and soon afterward settled at Warehouse Point, Conn. George Mason died at the home of our subject in 1855; his wife survived until 1889. John is the eldest of four children who lived to adult age; Mary A. is the wife of B. Wilson Lord, of East Windsor; George, a veteran of the Civil war, resides at Warehouse Point; and James, a resident of New Britain, Conn., was also in the Union army during the Civil war.

Our subject was born Dec. 14, 1830, in Yorkshire, England, was apprenticed there to the cardclothing trade, which was a branch of business not recognized in this country. After the arrival of the family at Warehouse Point he worked four and onehalf years in the Sexton woolen-mills at that place, and three months in a mill at Broad Brook, and later he went to Plymouth Hollow to take a similar position. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 22d Conn. V. I., for nine months, being mustered in at Hartford. During his term of service he spent some time with the forces employed in the defense of Washington, and he also took part with his regiment in the siege of Suffolk, in April, 1863. He was mustered out of the service July 7, 1863. On his return home that year, he settled upon his present homestead, where he is successfully engaged in general farming, dairying and tobacco growing.

Mr. Mason was married, Nov. 28, 1854, to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Eliza Holland, of Webster, Mass., and they had two children: Harriet Eliza, wife of F. H. Bissell, of Old Windsor; and Fannie, wife of R. H. Bartlett, of East Windsor. Mr. Mason is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 28, F. & A. M.; and of Converse Post, No. 67, G. A. R. He has supported the Republican party since its organization, having voted for John C. Fremont, in 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are members of the First Congregational Church of East Windsor, at Scantic.

NATHANIEL JONES. When a boy of seven years the successful agriculturist whose name is mentioned herewith moved with his father's family from Hartford to the town of South Windsor. Here he grew to manhood and received the education which usually fell to the fortune of country lads a half century ago. He adopted the occupation of his father, followed it with interest and energy, and has prospered.

The ancestral history in Connecticut dates back five generations to about the year 1714, when Nathaniel Jones migrated from Massachusetts to Hartford. His grandson, Nathaniel, the grandfather of our subject, was a teamster among the patriots who fought for liberty, and his son, John P. Jones, in his early manhood bore the arms of his country in the war of 1812.

Nathaniel Jones, our subject, was born in Hartford, March 19, 1840. Besides attending the common schools he was a student at the academy in South Windsor for one term. He remained on his father's farm until 1871, when he removed to the farm now occupied by Dennis Driscoll. Two years later, in 1873, he removed to the farm which he now owns and occupies, located about five and one-half miles from Hartford, on the old road running from that city to East Windsor Hill. He has since purchased additional land, and now owns sixty acres, twelve of which are on the home place. Mr. Jones raises about ten acres of tobacco yearly, and as a tobacco grower he has been very successful. He has made all the improvements upon his place, including house, outbuilding, sheds, etc. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Jones was married, April 27, 1878, to Miss Helena M. Abbey, a native of Maine, and a daughter of Henry J. Abbey. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born five children: John Henry, Albertus E., Frederick C., Carroll N. and Lena.

FRANK ROBERTS BURNHAM, of Bloomfield, was born Oct. 16, 1842, and is of the ninth generation in direct descent from Thomas Burnham, the founder of the family in America, who

came to the New World in 1649, locating in Hartford. Members of the family have attained prominence in nearly every walk of life, and they have been represented in all the different wars in which the nation has been engaged.

Calvin Burnham, grandfather of our subject, was born March 9, 1776, and died Oct. 11, 1846. He married, May 13, 1803, Clarissa Northrup, who was born May 16, 1783, and died Dec. 13, 1806, and on Feb. 27, 1812, he wedded Mary Ford, who was born June 1, 1787, and died Sept. 15, 1878. The children born to these marriages were Orvilla C., Shayler F. and Elias E.

Shayler F. Burnham was born July 1, 1813, in Lenox, Mass., and died in September, 1886. He married, June 1, 1837, Elizabeth Roberts, who was born Oct. 26, 1811, a daughter of Lem Roberts, and died March 22, 1858. On May 15, 1867, he married Mrs. Fanny Pease, who was born Aug. 23, 1828, and died Nov. 2, 1882. Shayler F. Burnham settled in Bloomfield at the age of twenty-six years, was a tobacco grower and a speculator, and became a man of much prominence as well as of usefulness, being a director in the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, and in the Collins Co., of Hartford. He served as postmaster, town clerk and representative of Bloomfield, and as county commissioner, and fraternally was a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., at Hartford. His children were George Ford Burnham, born Sept. 26, 1839, and Frank Robert Burnham, whose name opens this biography. The former entered the Manufacturers & Merchants Bank of Hartford as chore boy, and rose steadily until he attained the position of paying teller, which he held until failing health caused his retirement. He died Oct. 3, 1861.

Frank R. Burnham received his primary education in the public schools of Bloomfield, attended a private school in Northampton, Mass., and later took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In Bloomfield he married Miss Katie V. Gillette, daughter of Augustus B. Gillette, and to this union were born two children, Grace Gillette and Jeanie Roberts. Mr. Burnham is a strong supporter of the Republican party, but he has never sought political preferment.

Mrs. Burnham's great-grandfather, Asa Gillette, was born in Bloomfield, a son of Jacob Gillette, and married a Miss Case, by whom he had four children, Asa, Fred, James and Harriet. For many years he lived in the West. James Gillette was born in Bloomfield in 1784, and died in 1852. When a lad he was bound out in Simsbury, and in that town married Miss Violet Case, daughter of Benijah Case, to which union were born four children: Elizabeth, who was married to Thomas Case, and is now deceased; James Burton, deceased; Mariette; and Augustus B.

Augustus B. Gillette was born in June, 1823, in Simsbury, Conn., and when a boy went to Ohio, where he began the jewelry business, as a peddler. For several years he was in the retail jewelry business at Warren, Ohio, thence removing to Bloomington, Ill., where he carried on the wholesale and retail business until about 1875. In that year he located in Indianapolis, Ind., where he was engaged in the wholesale jewelry trade until his death, April 1, 1897. He was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Gillette was married at Bristol, Ohio, to Miss Eliza Kibbe, who bore him two children: James L., of Moline, Ill.; and Katie V., now Mrs. Burnham.

Mariette Gillette, alluded to above, was married in Simsbury, Conn., to Nathaniel Bidwell, son of Nathaniel Bidwell, and grandson of Jonathan Bidwell, and they had one child, Marietta Elizabeth. Nathaniel Bidwell, Sr., was a school teacher for many years, but passed the major portion of his life as a farmer in Bloomfield, and died at the age of eighty years, a member of the Congregational Church, of which he served for a long time as treasurer.

HENRY Z. THOMPSON, one of the most enterprising and progressive general farmers and tobacco growers of the town of East Granby, was born Aug. 2, 1862, on the old homestead where he still resides. The Thompson family is an old and honored one in Hartford county, its members being honest and industrious citizens, who have born their part in its upbuilding and advancement.

Edmund Thompson, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Simsbury, this county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years after reaching man's estate, but spent the last years of his life in Bloomfield, where he was honored and respected by all who knew him. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Edmund Thompson, was born and reared in Simsbury, where in early life he learned the trade of carriage making, which he subsequently followed for some time in what is now East Granby. He also became extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was a large land owner in that section of the county. He was a lifelong Democrat in politics, and most ably represented the town of Granby in the State Legislature. He was noted for his honesty and upright character, was very highly respected, and made a host of friends. He married Sophia Pinney, a native of what is now East Granby, and a daughter of Aaron Pinney, and to them were born three children: Delia, wife of Warhan Griswold; Edward P., father of our subject; and Norwood, deceased. Edmund Thompson died April 21, 1861, his wife on Dec. 6, 1863, and both were buried in the East Granby cemetery. They were consistent Christians, faithful members of the Baptist Church.

Edward P. Thompson was born Aug. 25, 1819, and began his education in the district schools of Granby town, later attending the schools of Hartford and Westfield, and the Suffield Institute. Thus he became a well-educated man, and by subse-

quent reading and observation kept well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day. With his father he learned carriage making, and carried on that business for many years, meeting with marked success. He also operated the old home farm, on which he made extensive improvements, including the erection of a fine residence, good tobacco sheds, barns, etc. He was one of the first tobacco growers in his section of the county, and in that undertaking was also successful. In September, 1841, Mr. Thompson wedded Miss Mary G. Holcomb, a daughter of Fratus Holcomb, and to them was born one daughter, Nancy, now the wife of Judge Martin H. Smith, of Suffield, Conn. The wife and mother died Jan. 13, 1843, and was buried in East Granby. In October, 1843, Mr. Thompson was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Case, a native of Simsbury, now Bloomfield, who was one of a family of nine children born to Zelah and Jennette (Benton) Case. There were five children by the second marriage: Norwood and Josephine, who both died young; Katie M., widow of M. H. Sanford, of Tariffville; Delia S., wife of William W. M. Ward, now of Denver, Colo.; and Henry Z., our subject. The father died on the old homestead June 22, 1880, and was buried in East Granby cemetery. He was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, but never an aspirant for political honors. He was, however, one of the foremost men of East Granby, was public-spirited and enterprising, and was widely and favorably known. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, to which the mother also belonged. She was a true and earnest Christian woman, much respected by all who knew her; she died Jan. 1, 1899, at the home of her son, Henry Z.

After attending the public schools of East Granby for some time Henry Z. Thompson became a student in the Hartford grammar school, and completed his education at Suffield Institute. His entire life has been devoted to farming and tobacco culture, and since his father's death he has most successfully managed the old homestead. In 1886 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary S. Rose, a native of West Suffield, and a daughter of Mortimer and Lucy Ann (Sheldon) Rose. In his religious views Mr. Thompson is liberal, and in his social relations is a member of the Grange. Like his ancestors, he is a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Democracy, but he has never sought political preferment, though he takes an active interest in the success of his party and does all in his power to advance its interests. He is quite popular in both social and business circles, and has many warm friends in the community where he is so well known.

ALFRED DRIEU, who holds the responsible position of superintedent of what is known as the old Tunxis Mill of Poquonock, is a worthy illustration of what may be accomplished by a young man if he be sober, reliable and industrious, even though he is in a strange country and unfamiliar with the language and customs of the people.

Mr. Drieu was born in Roubaix, Nord, France, March 22, 1854, a son of Louis and Adelaide Drieu, in whose family were ten children. He attended the schools of his native land, such as his parents' limited means permitted, and they offered him better advantages, but his ambition did not lie along the line of study. At an early age he manifested a fondness for machinery, displaying an aptness for anything in the mechanical line, and he learned the machinist's trade during his youth. He concluded to come to America, but, being the only son in a large family, this decision was not welcomed by his parents. The promise to return soon served to soothe the anxious mother's heart, however, and in 1876 he sailed from Havre on the vessel "Labrador."

On reaching the shores of the New World, Mr. Drieu came at once to Poquonock and entered the service of his present employers, with whom he has been ever since. This fact alone is evidence of his ability, and he is acknowledged to be one of the most thorough business men in his line in this section of the State. At the end of two years Mr. Drieu returned to France on a visit, and soon afterward the entire family, with the assistance of our subject, came to the United States and located in Poquonock, where the parents still reside, the father being overseer of a department in the mill, of which his son is superintendent. The latter was at first overseer in the drawing and spinning department, but has gradually worked his way upward until he now has entire charge of the spinning-mill of the Health Underwear Company.

Mr. Drieu has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Henrietta Dumont, a native of France, by whom he had two sons: Louis, an employe in the electric plant of the Hartford Street Railway Co.; and Alfred, Jr., at home. His present wife bore the maiden name of Philomena Sagert, and is also a native of France. To them have been born four children: George, Rosa, Albert and Lucy. Mr. Drieu is a Republican, and a stanch protectionist, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting. He has not only made his own way in the world from boyhood, but has also been of great assistance to his parents, and is one of the unostentatious and reliable citizens of whom any community might be justly proud.

JASON RUSHMORE VIETS is one of the successful agriculturists of the town of East Granby, and as a citizen is held in high esteem for his sterling qualities of character. While he is not an aspirant for public honors, he does not shirk any duty involved in citizenship, and his influence is readily given in support of progressive movements.

The Viets family is numerously represented in

this section, and an extended genealogy appears elsewhere, making it unnecessary to do more than trace briefly the line of descent from Dr. John Viets, a pioneer settler of Simsbury, through the intervening generations to our subject. Dr. John Viets and his wife Catharine had four children, among whom was a son Henry; Henry married twice, and had six children, his second wife, Margaret Austin, having one son, James; James married Elizabeth Brown, and had four children, including a son Festus, our subject's father. Festus Viets (June 12, 1790—Sept. 24, 1874) married Maria Hathaway (June 24, 1802—Sept. 27, 1860), and had ten children, viz.: James Hathaway, a resident of East Granby; Harriet Maria (Mrs. Henry Griffin); Candace Eliza (Mrs. Linus Hayes); Philo Horace; Adaline Jael, who died in her seventh year; Lamira Jane (Mrs. Willis L. Hayes); Daniel Benjamin and Annis Susan, who died young; William Dixon, a resident of Copper Hill; and Jason R.

Our subject was born Jan. 17, 1846, on the old homestead at Copper Hill, where his early years were spent in the helpful and wholesome activities of farm life. At the age of eighteen he left home, and after working for some time as a farm hand he settled, in 1867, on his present farm of one hundred acres, a portion of the Viets homestead. In addition to general farming he has been interested in dairying and tobacco culture, making a decided success of both lines of effort, and his homestead gives evidence of judicious management. He is public-spirited, and has been one of the active workers in the East Granby Grange, serving most of the time as chaplain, while he is prominent in religious work as a member of the M. E. Church at Copper Hill, in which he holds the office of steward. Politically he is a Democrat, and his fellow citizens have frequently shown their appreciation of his ability and worth by electing him to town offices, including those of assessor, member of the school board and second selectman, and in 1888 he was elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. On Dec. 9, 1867, Mr. Viets married Miss Rhoda Phelps, daughter of Apollos Phelps. She died Sept. 14, 1874, leaving one child, Miss Adella M., born March 7, 1869. On Oct. 30, 1876, he was married, at Windsor Locks, to Miss Wilhelmina Grohman, daughter of Peter Grohman, and three children have been born of the union, as follows: J. Edward, Dec. 25, 1878; Lena M., Sept. 25, 1883; and P. Grohman, Dec. 6, 1897.

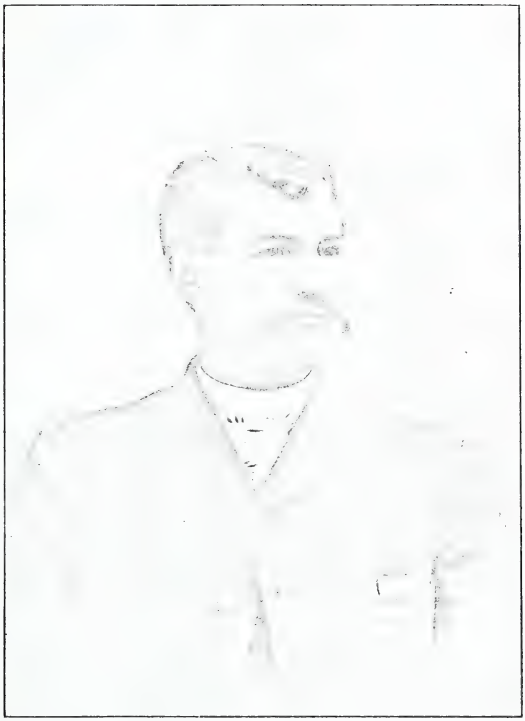
William Dixon Viets, our subject's brother, was born May 17, 1842, at the homestead, then within the limits of Granby town. From early manhood he has been engaged in farming at Copper Hill, and he is one of the leading citizens of the locality, being an influential worker in the Democratic organization. For twenty years he has been postmaster at Copper Hill, his efficiency leaving nothing to be desired, and he takes an active interest in the work of the Methodist Church at that village. On Feb. 15, 1872, he married Miss Jennie M. Griffin, who was born March 15, 1849, daughter of Lyman Griffin, and died in 1882, her remains being interred in Copper Hill cemetery. They have three children; Shermie L., born May 29, 1873, died Dec. 2, 1877; Hattie M., born June 28, 1875, died Dec. 10, 1877; and William L., born Nov. 2, 1878, is at home.

The Hathaway family, to which our subject's mother belonged, is well-known in this section. His grandfather, Ebenezer Hathaway, was a native of Suffield, and followed farming there for some time previous to his removal to New York State, where his remaining years were spent. He married (first) Miss Mehitabel Cowdrey, and (second) a Miss Morehouse, and had ten children, all by the first marriage: Ebenezer, Mehitabel, Jael, Lydia, Candace, Maria, David, Jason, William and Ardon.

GEORGE EDWIN BAISDEN, the well-known deputy warden of the Connecticut State Prison at Wethersfield, was born in the town of Cromwell, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 30, 1842, and is of English descent.

James H. Baisden, his father, was born in the Bermuda Islands, and was the son of a sea captain who was lost at sea. He was reared in his native land, and when a young man came to the United States, locating first in Middletown, Conn., and later in Cromwell, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a wheelwright and house builder by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and a Baptist in religious belief, and he was well liked and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He married Miss Marietta Savage, a native of Cromwell, where she also died, and to them were born eight children: James S., a carpenter of Hartford; Charlotte J., who married Mandly S. Burdick, of New Britain, foreman in the foundry some fifteen years; Phœbe, who married L. C. Burdick, of Cromwell, Conn.; Henry A., a carpenter at Meriden; George Edwin; Charles, of New Britain; Robert A. Saylor; and George W., a farmer of Madison, Connecticut.

During his boyhood our subject received only a district-school education, and most of his knowledge has been acquired by reading and contact with the world. While still young he commenced working as a farm hand, and was thus employed until seventeen years of age, when he shipped aboard a coasting vessel as cook. From that humble position he was gradually promoted until he became captain of a coaster, in which capacity he sailed for seven years. Altogether he spent sixteen years upon the water. He then obtained the position of night watchman in the State prison, under Capt. E. B. Hewes, then warden of the institution, and was later appointed overseer in the shops, a position he acceptably filled for fourteen years. In 1889 he was appointed deputy warden, and has filled



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that responsible position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner ever since. He is well liked by the officers and men under him, who have for him the highest respect.

At Rocky Hill Mr. Baisden married Miss Julia E. Kelley, a native of Kent, Conn., who died leaving one child, Robert, now a painter and paper hanger of New York City. In 1883 he was again married, in East Hartford, his second union being with Miss Hattie L. Vibberts, a native of that place, and a daughter of S. Nelson Vibberts. Both he and his wife hold membership in Wethersfield Grange, of which he is now overseer, and he also belongs to the Order of United American Mechanics. His political support is given to the Democratic party. He is a self-made man, one whose success in life is due to his own unaided efforts, perseverance and enterprise, and he merits and receives the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens and associates.

DWIGHT FRANCIS NEWTON is justly recognized as one of the most energetic and enterprising citizens of the town of Granby, where he is now successfully carrying on operations as a general farmer and dairyman. A man of progressive ideas, fine attainments, high-minded, who has made the most of his opportunities in life, he has arisen to a foremost place among the representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Newton was born in North Granby, on the Massachusetts line, July 3, 1855, a son of Francis George and Mary E. (Cornwall) Newton. The father was born in Manchester, Conn., Oct. 4, 1833, and is a son of Gorden and Mary Newton, in whose family were only two children, the other being Chauncey, who died in 1869. Francis G. was only two years old when he lost his mother, and he was then taken to the home of Pholetus Cooley, a farmer, with whom he remained until that gentleman's death, in the meantime attending the public schools of Granby to a limited extent, and assisting in the arduous labors of the farm from a very early age. Later he spent two years with a son of his foster-father, and at the age of sixteen began working as a farm hand. For six weeks he was employed by Albert Kent, who paid him fifteen dollars, of which sum he placed ten dollars in a bank, and during the two years he worked as a farm laborer in Hartford county he managed to save ninety dollars. Going to New Yory City, he then shipped as a sailor on a three-deck merchant vessel carrying cotton from Mobile, Ala., to Liverpool, England. While in the South he contracted smallpox, and it required all the money he had saved to pay his expenses while ill. After two years spent at sea he returned to Granby, and learned the trade of a whip lash cutter with a Mr. Holcomb, with whom he remained two years, and later, in partnership with Anson A. Collins, he embarked in the same business, but a year afterward their shop was destroyed by fire. Mr. Newton then rented a farm in the town of Granby, which he operated until 1874, and from there removed to a small farm on Granby Street, which he had purchased two years previously from Major Maltbie. It has now been his home for a quarter of a century, during which time he has engaged in general farming, dairying and poultry raising. His love of country was manifested during the dark days of the Civil war by his enlistment, in 1862, at New Haven, in Company E, 13th Conn. V. I., under Capt. Eugene Tisdale and Col. Birge. With his regiment he went to Ship's Island, and later to New Orleans, where he was taken ill and confined in St. James Hospital for several weeks. As a passenger on an ammunition train on the railroad he, with other volunteers, started to rejoin his company, but a bursting shell caused an explosion on the train, and fifteen men were killed and twenty-five wounded. He was among the latter, having his left hip fractured by a piece of shell, which has resulted in shortening that leg. He was again in the hospital for a number of weeks, and was finally mustered out of service May 12, 1863. He is now a stanch Republican in politics, is temperate in his habits, and is a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

In 1854 Francis G. Newton married Miss Mary E. Cornwall, a native of Granville, Mass., and a daughter of Ephraim and Lucy (Collins) Cornwall, representatives of old and respected families of that place. Of the five children born of this union our subject is the eldest; Hattie A., deceased wife of Edward Fowler; Murray A., a conductor residing in East Hartford, married Eliza Martin, of Holyoke, Mass., who died leaving three children, Ralph, Lila and Walter, and he has since wedded Louise Silvernail; and Elmer and George both died young.

During his boyhood and youth Dwight F. Newton acquired a good English education as a student in the public schools of Granby, the Enfield high school and the Granby Academy. He remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age, and during the last two years his father paid him $100 per year for his services, this being the first money he ever earned. At the age of nineteen he rented a farm of sixty acres at Salmon Brook, town of Granby, and for one year gave his attention to general farming and tobacco culture. In 1875 he entered the cutlery factory of Mr. Maltbie, at Granby, as an apprentice, and after spending two years there he, at the age of twenty-three, obtained the position of superintendent at the cutlery factory of Lockwood & McClintic, in Holyoke, Mass., for seven years filling that position of trust and responsibility to the satisfaction of all concerned. Returning to Granby township, he rented the Wilbur Holcomb farm for one year, the Allen Holcomb farm for two years, and the farm of the late Chauncey Holcomb for two years. During that time, by

hard work and economical habits, he managed to save some money, and in 1888 purchased what was known as the Wallace Kendall farm, of one hundred acres, upon which he has made many substantial improvements. He has also added a tract of sixty-five acres to the place. He is interested in stock raising and dairying, having a fine herd of cows upon his place, and is a stockholder in and agent for the Granby Creamery. He is a practical farmer, enterprising and progressive, and as a citizen lends his support to every measure which he believes calculated to benefit the town or people.

On Dec. 24, 1878, in Granby, Mr. Newton was united in marriage with Miss Addie C. Ruic, a native of Granby, and a daughter of John W. and Melissa L. (King) Ruic. Three children have been born of this union: George W., born Nov. 21, 1879, was educated in the district schools and a business college of Hartford, and is now at home; Charles F., born June 20, 1883, is still in school; and Dwight J., born Jan. 7, 1895, is at home. Mrs. Newton is a lady of culture and refinement, is a genial companion, and takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to her husband's success and happiness.

Mr. Newton takes an active and prominent part in public affairs, and it has ever been his aim to conduct the business of town and county on the same economical basis that he carries on his own affairs, having always at heart the public good. In 1889 he was elected second selectman, was re-elected in 1894, and in 1895 was elected first selectman of Granby for a term of three years. The duties of the office he discharged in a most creditable and acceptable manner, and by his prudence and business-like tact during those three years managed to place to the credit of the town over seven hundred dollars. In the fall of 1898 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, to the State Legislature, and is now most ably representing the town of Granby in that body. Honorable and upright in all the relations of life, he has won the respect and high regard of all who know him, and is quite popular in business, social and political circles. Socially he is a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., of Granby, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a business man he has met with well deserved success.

CLINTON HORATIO NELSON, one of the best-known and most highly-respected farmers and tobacco raisers of West Suffield, was born in that place July 17, 1835, and is of remote English descent, the Nelson family being one of the oldest in Connecticut.

Oliver Nelson, grandfather of Clinton H., was a native of Suffield, was the owner of large landed estates in West Suffield, and was there extensively engaged in stock raising and general farming. He passed all his life on his farm, and died at the comparatively early age of forty-five years, a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Whig. He had married Mary King, also a member of one of the old families of Suffield, and to this marriage were born five children: Theodosia died at the age of seventeen; Mary Ann, born March 29, 1801, was married to Harmon Wheeler, and died Jan. 5, 1895; Oliver M., born Dec. 1, 1805, is now living in Broad Brook, Conn.; Horatio King, born Oct. 8, 1808, was the father of our subject; and Albert J., born Dec. 9, 1810, died Jan. 28, 1888. All are now deceased with the exception of Oliver M., who has attained the age of ninety-four years. The venerated mother of this family died on the homestead nearly a century ago, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, her remains being interred in the West Suffield cemetery.

Hon. Horatio King Nelson, father of Clinton H. Nelson, received a somewhat limited education in the public schools, but eventually became a well-read man through self-application to study. He was but thirteen years of age when he was deprived by death of his father, and for three years thereafter he worked on a farm for Mr. Luther Loomis, in Suffield. At the age of sixteen he started out on the road as a peddler of Yankee notions throughout the States of Connecticut and New York, but later devoted himself almost exclusively to the sale of cigars. He thus passed the better part of his life as a traveling salesman, his stretch of territory eventually reaching to Maine. He was successful in his line, and allowed his farm, on which our subject now lives, to be mainly conducted by him. He was a temperate man in all respects, was strong and healthy, and in forty-five years was sick two days only. He was highly esteemed in his neighborhood, and although he never sought office he was twice nominated, by the Republican party, without his knowledge, as candidate for the State Legislature, and was each time elected, and in a strongly Democratic district. But his constituents, of whatever party, never had cause to regret their action in elevating him to this important and responsible office. He was originally an Old-line Whig, but with the mutations in politics became a member of the Republican party at its incipiency.

Horatio K. Nelson first married, in Suffield, Nov. 13, 1834, Mary, the daughter of Joab Owen. Miss Owen was born in Suffield, in 1813. To this marriage were born three children, of whom (1) Clinton H., our subject, was the eldest. (2) The next in order of birth was Helen M., who was married to Charles C. Shelden, of West Suffield; to this marriage were born three children—Emma H., born Dec. 30, 1859; George A., born March 9, 1862; and Clara M., born Aug. 8, 1864. (3) Mary L. was first married to George L. Pomeroy, and bore him two children—Nelson A., who was born Aug. 22, 1868, was educated at the Connecticut Literary Institute, of Suffield, Conn., and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and is now

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a physician, practicing in Waterbury, Conn.; the younger, Herbert, who was born Aug. 12, 1874, died Feb. 12, 1876. George L. Pomeroy died Jan. 5, 1875, and his widow married Arthur L. Pomeroy, to which union came one child, Anna Louise, born May 28, 1880. The mother died Jan. 3, 1885.

Mrs. Mary (Owen) Nelson died March 22, 1847, a devout member of the Congregational Church, and her remains were interred in the cemetery of West Suffield. On Dec. 5, 1850, Hon. Horatio K. Nelson married Miss Martha J. Stevens, a native of East Granby, Hartford Co., Conn., a daughter of Justus R. and Martha (Fuller) Stevens, and a granddaughter of Phineas Stevens. To this union were born two children, Charles J., who died at the age of four years; and Arabella M., who died when about eighteen months old. Horatio King Nelson passed away Jan. 19, 1803, on his farm in West Suffield, and his remains were interred in the West Suffield cemetery, where his grave, like his memory, is ever kept green. His widow, a kind and intellectual lady, still resides on the old homestead, a member of the Congregational Church, and respected by all who know her.

Clinton H. Nelson was educated in the public schools of West Suffield, at the Connecticut Literary Institute of Suffield, and at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., but, exclusive of his school days, has passed all his life on the homestead, engaged in agriculture. At present he operates a tract of one hundred acres in West Suffield, where he is engaged in tobacco growing, stock raising, general farming and dairying, and, being thoroughly practical, meets with unvarying success. His farm buildings are first-class in every particular, he has remodeled the family dwelling, and all of his surroundings indicate thrift and intelligent management.

Mr. Nelson first married, at West Suffield, Miss Cornelia E. Sheldon, a daughter of Francis Sheldon, and Francis, the only child born to this union, died in infancy. Mrs. Cornelia E. Nelson died on the home farm not long afterward, and in 1873, at Granby, Mr. Nelson married Miss Mary H. Dewey, a native of Granby, and a daughter of William Dewey. To this marriage have been born four children: Howard Dewey, born April 23, 1875, died Jan. 26, 1885; William Horatio, born Sept. 12, 1879, attended the public schools of West Suffield, and later entered the high school at Bristol, Conn., graduating in 1896, after which he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in June, 1900; Harold Clinton, born Feb. 19, 1883, is a member of the class of 1901 at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield; and Christine Louise, born March 11, 1885, is in the class of 1902, of the same institution.

Aaron Dewey, grandfather of Mrs. Mary H. Nelson, was born in Granby, Conn., in 1781. He married Lovisa Gillett, daughter of Deacon Samuel Gillett, and to this marriage were born eight children: William, Oct. 8, 1809; Mary, April 29, 1811; Watson, Oct. 8, 1813; Wilson, July 1, 1815; Willis, July 1, 1817; Susan, Jan. 22, 1819; Laura S., Aug. 9, 1821; and Wayne, March 7, 1823.

Hon. William Dewey, the eldest of the above-named children, was educated in the common schools of Granby, in which town he passed the greater part of his life engaged in agriculture and stock raising. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in 1867 represented his district in the State Legislature. On Nov. 30, 1837, he married Eunice, daughter of Philetus Cooley, in Granby, and to this union were born six children: Mary H., wife of Clinton H. Nelson; L. Belle, who was a teacher in the public schools, and is now the wife of Thomas H. Patterson, of Bristol, Conn.; Ann Gertrude, Jane Isabella and William Jefferson, all of whom died young; and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Eunice Dewey died Jan. 7, 1890, and her husband passed the remaining years of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Nelson, at whose home he died Nov. 1, 1898, in the faith of the Congregational Church; the remains of both were interred in the Granby street cemetery.

Mrs. Mary H. Nelson is a lady of refinement, having been educated primarily, in the public schools of Granby, and later at the Normal school at New Britain, and Wilbraham Academy. For eight years prior to marriage she taught most successfully in the public schools of Granby, Conn., in Southwick, Mass., and Suffield. Mr. Nelson has been a lifelong Republican, but would never accept public office. He is genial, yet quiet and unassuming in his deportment; is honest to the core, and no family in the town of Suffield is held in higher esteem.

JOHN WESLEY RUIC, a prosperous and honored citizen of the town of Granby, whose time and attention have been given to agricultural pursuits, is a native of the town, born Feb. 2, 1833, and is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Mr. Ruic's paternal grandfather, Owen Ruic, was born in Ireland, where he learned the tailor's trade, and when a young man he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Hartford county, Conn. The American Revolution being then in progress, he was soon afterward arrested as a British spy, and confined in Newgate prison. Proving his innocence, he was released, and later joined the Colonial forces. He remained in the service until hostilities ceased, and his discharge papers, signed by Gen. Washington, are now in the possession of William C. Case, a lawyer of Granby. When independence was secured he located in Granby, where he spent the remainder of his life, working at his trade and also at farming, and he was numbered among the highly-respected citizens of the community. He died in Granby May 13, 1820, aged seventy-eight years, his wife, Elizabeth, passing away on Feb. 12, 1811, aged fifty-five years. In their family were three children: Owen, a car-

penter, who died in Granby, and was buried in West Granby cemetery; Henry, who died when a young man; and William, the father of our subject.

William Ruic was born in Granby Dec. 19, 1787, and received a common-school education. During his younger years he worked as a laborer among the farmers of Granby, and in this way earned the money with which to purchase 180 acres of land in that town, upon which farm he made his home until called from this life. At the early age of twelve years he began life for himself, and was able to provide a good home for his parents during their declining years. Upright and honorable in all things, he commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and was well posted on the leading events of the day, and very progressive in his ideas. In Granby he was married, Oct. 18, 1811, to Miss Sarah Rice, who was born April 26, 1791, a daughter of Jesse and Frances (Rathburn) Rice, natives of Hartford county, and granddaughter of Capt. John and Deziah Rice, the former of whom died Jan. 19, 1802, aged sixty-seven years, the latter Feb. 24, 1821, at the age of eighty-two. Jesse Rice passed away April 21, 1826, in his sixtieth year, his wife, Frances, on May 21, 1849, in her eighty-first year. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruic: Elizabeth, born July 19, 1812, was married Sept. 12, 1830, to Willis Phelps, and died Aug. 15, 1865; Eber, born Jan. 31, 1814, was married, May 3, 1842, to Jane Pratt, and died Dec. 31, 1885; Rhoda, born Sept. 10, 1815, was married, April 29, 1838, to Chester Case, of Canton, Conn., and died Feb. 12, 1889; William Orson, born July 10, 1820, was married, July 25, 1847, to Temperance Hutchinson, and died Dec. 28, 1891; Jesse Wilson, born Feb. 22, 1824, was married, April 13, 1853, to Marietta Beach, and died Jan. 14, 1856, in Iowa; Henry C., born April 5, 1828, was married, Jan. 12, 1848, to Mary King, of West Suffield, now deceased, but he is still living in Bristol, Conn.; and John Wesley, our subject, the youngest of the family. The father died May 21, 1864, the mother on June 6, 1870, and both were laid to rest in Granby cemetery. They were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as steward. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and most faithfully and acceptably represented Granby town in the State Legislature.

John W. Ruic received a good practical education in the public schools of Granby and the academies of Granby and Wilbraham, Mass. He early acquired an excellent knowledge of the farm work, and on leaving home, at the age of seventeen, he worked as a farm hand for six years, receiving about $125 a year for his services. For several years he was thus employed, and at the age of twenty-four he was the proud possessor of one thousand dollars, which he had saved from his earnings. He then returned to his home farm to take care of his parents in their old age, and after the mother's death continued to carry on the place for a time, but finally sold it and removed to Bushy Hill, where he purchased the Dewey farm of ninety-six acres, owned at that time by a Mr. Miller. He successfully engaged in its operation, in connection with general farming engaging in dairying and tobacco culture until the spring of 1899, when he sold his farm, and now lives retired in Granby.

On Nov. 26, 1857, in West Suffield, Mr. Ruic was united in marriage with Miss Melissa L. King, who was born there Oct. 7, 1838, a daughter of Artemus and Sophia (Granger) King. Three children were born of this union: (1) Adelaide C., born Aug. 10, 1858, is now the wife of Dwight F Newton, of Granby. (2) Edward W., born Dec. 7, 1861, died Oct. 2, 1862. (3) Charles W., born Dec. 19, 1864, attended the public schools, the Suffield Literary Institute, and William College, Williamstown, Mass., and after graduating from the last named engaged in teaching school for several years. He then studied law with George Taft, and was admitted to the Bar in 1894. He was married, Dec. 20, 1890, to Miss Sarah Lasher, and they have one child, Kenneth Irvin, born Oct. 11, 1895. Our subject's first wife died May 5, 1877, and was buried in Granby cemetery. He was again married, July 2, 1881, his second union being with Miss Susan E. Shepard, who was born Dec. 29, 1838, at Bark Hamsted, Conn., a daughter of Joseph and Deidamia (Wilder) Shepard, the former now deceased, the latter still a resident of Bark Hamsted.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Ruic a stanch supporter of its principles, and in 1884 he was chosen by the people to represent the town of Granby in the State Legislature, which he did in a most creditable manner. He has also served as selectman for four consecutive terms, has been assessor of the town, member of the board of relief, and also a member of the school board, and his public duties have always been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged. He is one of the oldest and most honored members of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., and attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He can look back with pride over a well-spent life, in which he has gained for himself a comfortable competence, and won the esteem of his fellow citizens by his straightforward course and honorable dealings.

MARCUS EUGENE JACOBS has long been conspicuously and successfully identified with brick manufacturing at Berlin and other points, and is one of the respected, solid and influential citizens of the town. In his veins flows an admixture of the "blue blood" of England and that of the North American aborigines, who, as has been sententiously and truthfully said, are the "only real aristocrats of the western hemisphere."

The first English progenitors of this family to emigrate from the Old World to the New were

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three brothers, who settled on Long Island, from one of whom Mr. Jacobs traces his lineage. His great-great-great-grandfather, whose baptismal name was Bartholomew, married Mercy Barnes, Dec. 20, 1660. Forty-one years later, in April, 1707, Bartholomew's son, Thomas, was united to Jemima Tuttle. From their union was born Stephen Jacobs, the great-grandfather of Marcus E. He married Hannah Dayton Jan. 11, 1738, and was the father of a son christened Thomas. He, in turn, married Mary (familiarly known as Polly) Cooper. They were the parents of Washington Jacobs (and the name of their son attests their loyalty to the cause of the Colonists during the struggle of the Revolution), the father of the gentleman who is the subject of this brief sketch. Washington Jacobs was born in North Haven, and was a farmer and extensive land owner. On Dec. 24, 1800, he married Mary, a daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Cooper) Mansfield, and he died when his son, Marcus Eugene, had reached the age of six months.

Marcus E. Jacobs was one of a family of five children. His father's farm of one hundred acres was sold when he was about three years old, and his boyhood was passed at the residence of his grandparents in North Haven, much after the manner of most Yankee boys who have left their impress on the business and political world. In winter he attended school at North Haven, and in summer worked upon a farm. He realized, however, early in life, that his future must depend chiefly upon his own effort and industry. His natural inclination was for brickmaking, perhaps because even at that early age the symmetrical lines and rectangular corners appealed to some latent instinct which was destined to be more fully developed in later life. By the time he was sixteen years old he had attained such proficiency in his chosen pursuit that Mansfield, Warren & Stiles gave him the superintendency of their two yards. From that time forward he has never severed his connection with this great industry, so indissolubly connected with the foundation and prosperity of the building trades. He remained in the employ of the firm named for ten years, filling the position of manager during the last two or three years of such employment. At the end of this period, in connection with Frederick Bishop, he purchased the yards of Loyal Ives. At the end of three years Mr. Jacobs sold his interest in the business to Mr. Bishop, and formed a partnership with George Ives, at Hamden. This partnership also lasted for three years, when Mr. Jacobs again disposed of his interest to his partner. The next year he spent as superintendent and manager of the Moulthrop yards, in New Britain, and during the two following years he filled a similar post in the manufactory of Caleb Johnson, at New Field. From that point he removed to Berlin, where he entered into a contract with Frederick Stiles to manufacture brick by the thousand. Mr. Stiles sold a half-interest in the works to C. P. Merwin, and Mr. Jacobs was placed in charge. After a year thus passed he went to North Haven, where he manufactured brick at an agreed price per thousand for Frank Stiles, for twelve months, when he and Mr. Stiles formed a co-partnership. Their business connection lasted for two years, when Mr. Jacobs once more sold his interest to his partner, and the firm was dissolved. Returning to Berlin, he formed a partnership with George R. Pierpont, under the style of the Berlin Brick Co., and after two years bought out Mr. Pierpont, for the last decade conducting the business alone. The capacity of his works is from seven million to eight million brick per annum, and he employs from forty to sixty men. In addition to attending to this extensive business Mr. Jacobs is first vice-president and treasurer of the Berlin Wheel Co., which employs from forty to sixty men, and in which he is the heaviest stockholder. It was through his efforts that the plant was established at Berlin, in May, 1899.

In 1891 Mr. Jacobs purchased property on Worthington avenue, in Berlin, on which he has built a handsome home. He has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1861, was Miss Sarah Riggs, by whom he had one daughter, Mary Delphine, born Sept. 16, 1869. On her twenty-first birthday she became the wife of Clinton Woods, who was born March 16, 1866, and is connected with the Berlin Brick Co. Mr. and Mrs. Woods have five children, Harold Eugene, born Oct. 6, 1891; Earl Jacobs, March 17, 1893; Marcus and Merton (twins), Jan. 8, 1896; and Pearl Adeline, May 12, 1898. After the death of his first wife Mr. Jacobs, on June 29, 1877, married Miss Mary Maria Palmer, who was born at North Haven June 3, 1852, a daughter of Jasper E. and Delia Ann (Riggs) Palmer, her father being a farmer. To this second marriage has also come one daughter, Vivian Irene, born Jan. 28, 1886, at North Haven. She is a pupil at the Worthington private school.

Mr. Jacobs is a Republican in politics, and earnest in his convictions, nor does this seem strange when it is added that his father was a Whig. His inclination is averse to holding office, yet he has been repeatedly urged to become a candidate for various positions of public trust and responsibility, and in 1896 was nominated for the Legislature in the most largely attended Republican caucus ever held in Berlin, by a vote of two to one over his opponent, Daniel Webster. In 1900 he was elected by a large majority to represent the town of Berlin in the General Assembly of the State, and, owing to his deep interest in and personal knowledge of the industrial interests of the State, has been made a member of the Manufacturing committee. Socially he is a member of the Grange, a Master Mason, and a member of Pequot Council, No. 24, O. U. A. M.

Mrs. Jacobs and her daughter are members of the Congregational Church, and while Mr. Jacobs himself is not affiliated with any religious body he

is a most liberal contributor to the cause of religion and to every charitable work. His philanthropy is as broad and spontaneous as it is genuine and unostentatious, and in all enterprises looking to the public welfare he takes a deep interest, being always ready to contribute generously of effort, time and money.

Such a career as that of Mr. Jacobs is well worth the attentive study of every young man who hopes to attain success. While all cannot be endowed with the keen intellect, the shrewd business sense and the sound judgment which have been among his prominent characteristics from early childhood, there have been other operative causes for his achievements which may be said to be measurably within the reach of all. He has never sought to avoid work; and, while he has never courted responsibilities, he has manfully faced them as they have presented themselves. While keen in his perceptions, and ever quick to detect dissimulation, he has been always charitable toward human imperfections, and generous, even to his own hurt. It is no cause for surprise that his fellow townsmen yield him a full meed of honor and respect.

PATRICK CONNOR, one of the oldest paper workers now employed in any of the mills in the vicinity of Hartford, is a resident of Poquonock, and works at his trade in the Rainbow Paper Mill. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, March 15, 1829, a son of John and Julia (Moran) Connor, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a successful contractor and became quite well-to-do. Of his nine children only two came to the United States: Patrick, the subject of this review; and Miss Lizzie, residing in Hartford.

The early educational privileges of Mr. Connor were such as the public schools of his native land afforded at that time, during his youth working for his father. Later he found employment in the iron mines; but wages being low, he, in 1862, decided to come to America. He sailed from Dublin to Liverpool, and at the latter place took passage on the sailing vessel "Ascott," which was seven weeks and three days in reaching the harbor of New York. His future wife made one of the party to which he belonged, and both proceeded at once to Hartford county, as she had relatives living in Rainbow. Our subject obtained work as a farm hand with James Alderman, in East Granby, and in that way obtained a start in the New World.

At Rainbow, Aug. 31, 1862, Mr. Connor was united in marriage with Miss Helen Wright, who was born in County Dublin, Ireland, in 1828, a daughter of Thomas Wright. They began their domestic life in Rainbow, and their little home was furnished with only what was absolutely necessary. Soon after his marriage our subject obtained employment in what is now the Hartford Paper Mills, at Rainbow, but two years later resumed farming. Subsequently he worked for five years in the Springfield Paper Mill at Rainbow, at the end of that time removing to Luzerne county, Penn., where he was employed in a coal mine for a few months; but not liking the work, he returned to Connecticut and again entered the paper mills, being identified with that industry continuously since. He worked in the mill at Windsor Locks for a time, and is now with the Rainbow Paper Mill at Rainbow. Almost his entire life has been devoted to the manufacture of paper, and from the lowest position he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now a skilled workman. He has resided in Poquonock since 1889, and in 1890 bought his present farm, which is operated by his son while he retains his position in the mill.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Connor were as follows: Katy, now the wife of John Dynon, of Poquonock; Juila and Mary, who both died at the age of twenty-four years; Lizzie, who died at the age of twenty; John, a papermaker of Rainbow, who is married and has three children, Nellie, Lizzie and John; Maggie, who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Thomas F., who carries on the home farm for his father.

Mr. Connor is not identified with any political organization, but votes for whom he believes to be the best man, and supported McKinley at the last Presidential election. He and his family are prominent members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Poquonock, and he suggested the name for the parish. From boyhood he has been honest, industrious and energetic, and the success that has come to him is certainly well deserved. At one time he was so unfortunate as to lost $500 in wages due him, but in the main he has prospered and has always paid dollar for dollar. He has been ably assisted in life by the counsel and assistance of his good wife, and they have the respect and esteem of all who know them. Mr. Connor is exceedingly well preserved for one that has performed the amount of hard work that he has done, is vigorous and robust, and very active for one of his years. As the result of careful reading, he is a well informed man, and is recognized as one of the best citizens of his community.

CHARLES HENRY TOLLES, a prominent and representative farmer of Southington, was born on West street, in that town, March 13, 1845, and is a son of Henry and Harriet M. (Hitchcock) Tolles.

Daniel Tolles, the paternal grandfather, was of Scotch descent, his father being a native of Scotland, and an early settler of Bethany, Conn. The father of our subject was by occupation a farmer and sawyer. He married Charlotte, daughter of Alfred and Rachel (Grannis) Hitchcock, and by that union had two children: William Frank and Horace A. After the death of his first wife he married her sister, Harriet M., and to them were

also born two children: Charles H. and Frederick D.

Our subject was reared in Southington, which has always been his home, and farming has been his chief vocation. On Oct. 12, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Andrews, a daughter of William and Theodosia (Evans) Andrews, of Southington, and they have a family of three children: Olive O., Marshall H. and Louis G.

Fraternally Mr. Toles affiliates with the F. & A. M., Friendship Lodge, No. 33, Southington, Conn., also with the Order of United American Mechanics, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He served as deputy sheriff of the county for two years; for a score of years has held the office of constable; and for eleven years he had charge of the roads in the western part of Southington. His public duties have always been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged, and he merits and receives the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

FRANK J. ALFORD, an enterprising young agriculturist, tobacco grower and dairyman of West Simsbury, was born in that town (then known as Canton) Sept. 20, 1864, and is a son of Emerson Alford, of Plainville.

Mr. Alford belongs to an old Connecticut family, and his great-grandfather, Samuel Alford, was born in Granby, this county, but spent most of his life in the town of Avon, where he followed the occupation of farming, and where he served as constable for many years. He had a family of six children, namely: Roxie, wife of Truman Woodford; Dorinda, wife of James Blackwell; Lucy, wife of Henry Humphrey; Jane, wife of Henry Stockbridge; Daniel M. (grandfather of our subject); and Samuel.

Daniel M. Alford was in early manhood a trader in the South, and lived for several years in Virginia. Returning to Hartford county, Conn., he purchased a farm in Avon about 1829, and made his home there until called from this life, in August, 1873, at the age of seventy-seven years. He married Miss Elmira Mills, a daughter of Joel and Anna (Russell) Mills, of Canton, this county, and to this union the following children were born: Rollin, who was killed by lightning in Illinois; Juliette, wife of Andrew Chidsey; Emerson, father of our subject; Ephraim A.; Louisa, wife of Albert Andrews; Lucy A., wife of Asa Hoskins; Sarah J., wife of Anthony Mallory; and Franklin M.

Emerson Alford was born near Front Royal, Va., Dec. 28, 1825, and was four years of age when his parents returned to Connecticut; he grew to manhood in Avon, receiving a limited education in the common schools. He remained on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, and then worked as a farm hand for six months. Subsequently he was employed as a peddler for a time, and at the age of twenty located in Collinsville, where he worked in an ax factory for ten years, being inspector in the grinding department the last five years of the time. In 1860 he purchased a farm in Simsbury, which he successfully conducted until, in 1888, he retired from active labor and moved to New Britain. After residing there for two years and a half he came, in 1890, to Plainville, and here he has since made his home, living a retired life.

On April 23, 1851, Emerson Alford was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Pratt, a daughter of Jeremiah and Celia (Merriman) Pratt, of Greenfield, Mass., and to them were born five children, namely: Clara J.; Ephraim B., deceased; Ralph E.; Frank J., more fully referred to farther on; and Leon P. Mr. Alford is one of the leading and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Plainville, and is now president of its board of trustees. He is a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party, and represented Simsbury in the State Legislature in 1886-87. After a useful and honorable career, he can well afford to lay aside business cares and live in ease and retirement.

Frank J. Alford, our subject, received an excellent education in his younger days, beginning in the district schools of West Simsbury, whence he went to the Wilbraham Academy (Hampden county, Mass.), and finally graduated from the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1887. His first business experience was as a clerk in a variety store at Winsted, Conn., for six months, when he returned to his father's farm in West Simsbury, on which he was born. In 1888 his father retired to Plainville, and young Frank took charge of the farm of 275 acres, since when he has been extensively engaged in tobacco growing, as well as general farming, and he also conducts one of the largest dairies in the town. His success in managing these extensive industries has been a subject of general commendation among his neighbors, and everything went on smoothly with him for about five years, when, in 1893, the old dwelling house, in which he was born, was destroyed by fire. By 1897 Mr. Alford had completed a new dwelling of modern architecture, containing all the latest conveniences, and commanding a beautiful view. Mr. Alford raises about five acres of tobacco yearly, and has built a substantial shed for curing, etc., 98x30 feet; this crop invariably brings the highest market price.

In May, 1888, Mr. Alford was united in marriage, at West Simsbury, with Miss Flora Holcomb, a native of the village, and a daughter of Chauncey D. Holcomb, one of West Simsbury's most respected citizens. Of this marriage one child, Stuart Emerson, born in 1897, is the sole offspring. Mr. and Mrs. Alford are members of the North Canton M. E. Church, and fraternally he is a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M., at Simsbury; he has also been a member of the Grange. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held the office of assessor of Simsbury five years.

CHARLES H. FAULKNER possesses that versatility of character which adapts itself readily to the changing circumstances of the material world, and that singleness of purpose and unfailing energy which, combined with the above trait, almost insure a successful career. Those men achieve most who begin life at the bottom of the ladder, and in this class must be included Charles H. Faulkner.

Mr. Faulkner's father, John Faulkner, a gardener of County Leitrim, Ireland, left his native land during the distressful times that followed the great famine. He was born about 1816, and crossed the ocean in 1848. After living for a short time in Vermont, he removed to New Haven, and in that vicinity followed his occupation of gardening, also acting as sexton of the Catholic cemetery and of Evergreen cemetery, in New Haven, for several years. During the early part of the Civil war he enlisted in the 9th Conn. V. I. His wife, however, secured his release because he had passed the age limit, but he enlisted again, in 1862, becoming a member of Company I, 27th Conn. V. I., for nine months service. He was at Fredericksburg, and was taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville for a period of nine days. Coming back to New Haven he then continued gardening until his death, in 1887. John Faulkner was a man of unusual force of character. He arrived in America without friends, and without knowledge of the customs and manners of the people, but he was intelligent and soon acquired a fund of practical information that was invaluable in his new environment. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a member of the Catholic Church. He married Ann Dority, who bore him the following named children: Patrick J., who lives in New Haven; Michael C., who enlisted during the Civil war, and is now deceased; John W., a tinsmith of New Haven; Mary A., wife of James Kelly; Charles H., subject of this sketch; Catharine, wife of Harry Deering, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nellie E., widow of Edward L. Cahill, of New Haven, son of Col. Cahill, of the Ninth Connecticut Volunteers; and Frank H., a resident of New Haven. The mother died in 1874.

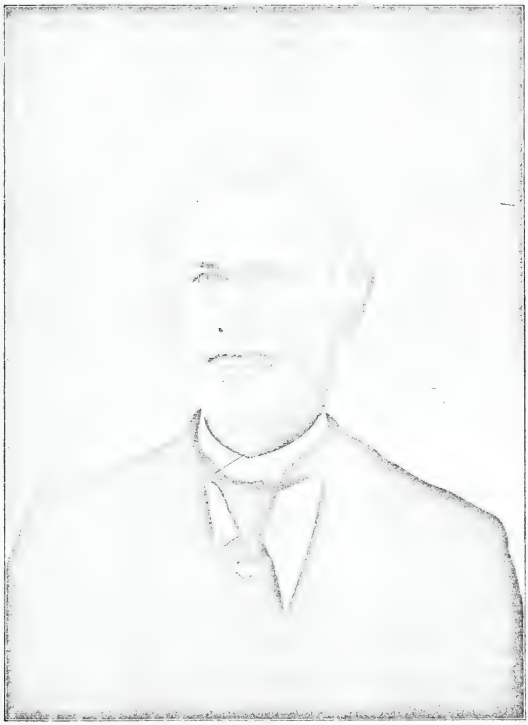
Charles H. Faulkner was born at New Haven March 14, 1853, receiving his education there in the Washington street school, and when he completed the course, at the age of fourteen years, he began life for himself as an errand boy for a merchant tailor. Remaining in that capacity about a year he entered the employ of Mr. Seward, in the manufacture of carriage hardware, and remained with him about four and a half years. Then coming to New Britain Mr. Faulkner was for six months an employe of the Judd factory, on West Main street, next entering the shops of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., and for two years working on rules for Mr. Thornton. He was now twenty-two years of age. He had had considerable experience in the shops, and decided to assume greater responsibility, and accordingly he took a contract for stripping boxwood and ivory for the farmers in making the rules. It was a fortunate acquisition, for Mr. Faulkner made it a complete success to himself financially. He held the contract for twenty years, and at the expiration of that time had seven men working for him.

Having passed the earlier part of his life in working with dead material, Mr. Faulkner sought a more active life among his fellow men. He wished to deal with men, not matter. In 1894 he left the shops where he had passed so many years and prospered, and with courage opened for himself an insurance and real estate office, devoting especial attention to real estate transactions. The new business venture has proved eminently successful. Mr. Faulkner has ably demonstrated the possession of those qualities which attract and win among men. He has also been prominent in politics, holding allegiance to the Democratic party. In the fall of 1889 he was appointed by the selectmen town collector, and for four years was annually re-appointed. In the fall of 1894 and again in 1895 he was elected assessor. In April, 1896, he was elected city collector for two years, he and R. J. Vance being the only candidates on the Democratic ticket who were elected. A more remarkable political success was scored in the spring of 1898, when he was re-elected to the same office by a majority of thirteen votes, being the only Democrat elected, the majorities of the Republican candidates ranging from 200 to 800; in 1900 he was re-elected with ninety-seven plurality. In 1874 Mr. Faulkner enlisted in Company D, First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard. In 1877 he was elected second lieutenant, and he resigned in 1878. In 1890 he was appointed inspector of rifle practice under Col. Erickson, taking the rank of captain of militia, and holding the position for two years. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Faulkner married Margaret A. Coogan, daughter of John Coogan, of New Britain, and to this union have been born six children: Frank W., Jennie C., Charles H., Jr., Agnes, Margarette R. and Beatrice.

JOSIAH HUBBARD MERRIMAN, a leading and successful horticulturist of Southington, was born on the farm where he now resides Dec. 15, 1834, a son of Anson and Fanny (Hubbard) Merriman.

Anson Merriman, a progressive farmer of his day, was born Oct. 21, 1786, and was married, Oct. 31, 1810, to Miss Jerusha, daughter of Joel Bacon, of Westfield, Conn. By that union he had six children: Mary M., wife of Giles O. Griswold; Joel B.; Anson, Jr.; Jerusha, wife of Wallace A. Judd; Lucetta, wife of Alfred Claflin; and Lydia B., wife of Chester Claflin. The mother of these children died March 18, 1822, and Mr. Merriman was again married, Sept. 18, 1822, his second union



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being with Fanny Hubbard, of Sandisfield, Mass., by whom he also had six children: Julia; Lewis; Julia (2), who first married Elisha M. Stoddard, after his death Ira Becket, and later became the wife of John Meserole, whom she survives; Alfred; Josiah H.; and Ann E., wife of Josiah Howell.

Chauncey Merriman, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was married, Feb. 13, 1777, to Sarah Ives. He was a son of John Merriman, who was born in Wallingford, Conn., Sept. 12, 1728, and died in Southington April 13, 1801. The father of the latter, Rev. John Merriman, who was born Oct. 16, 1691, was a Baptist minister, and was among the first to join that denomination in Wallingford, in 1729. In 1738 he became pastor of the Baptist Church at that place, and in 1750 retired and removed to Southington, where he died Feb. 17, 1784. He was married, Feb. 24, 1726, to Jemima Wilcox, and lived in the Marion District of Southington. His father, John Merriman, was born in New Haven in February, 1659, and was married, March 28, 1683, to Hannah Lines. After her death he was again married, Nov. 20, 1690, his second union being with Elizabeth Peck. He was a son of Nathaniel Merriman, a native of England, and an early settler of New Haven. In October, 1665, he was confirmed sergeant of the New Haven train-band by the General Court. In 1672 he removed to Wallingford, and was there confirmed lieutenant of the train-band and captain of dragoons of New Haven county, Nov. 1, 1675. He signed the plantation covenant at New Haven in 1639, and in 1673 was on a committee to fix the boundary between Wallingford and other towns, being a surveyor. He was deputy to the General Court from Wallingford a number of times, and died there Feb. 13, 1694, at the age of eighty years.

Our subject was reared on the old homestead in Southington, where he has always made his home, though he spent several years in Illinois and Dakota. He has ever taken a deep interest in horticulture, and now has a fine peach orchard covering sixty acres, and containing one thousand trees, and an apple orchard—the largest in the State—of seven hundred trees, principally of the Baldwin variety. He has made a deep and careful study of horticulture, and is thoroughly conversant with everything pertaining to the business. He assisted in organizing the Connecticut Pomological Society, of which he is now president, succeeding J. H. Hale; he wrote the constitution and by-laws of the New England Tobacco Growers Association, and was its first treasurer.

On April 22, 1859, Mr. Merriman was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Curtiss, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Cook) Curtiss, of Plainville, Conn., and to them have been born three children: Florence E., who married Thomas Martin; Anna Louise; and Sarah, wife of Elijah Rogers. Only the last named is now living. Mr. Merriman is an active and prominent member of the First Congregational Church of Southington, of which he is a deacon and teacher in the Sunday-school. He also holds membership in Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M.; Unity Council, No. 11, O. U. A. M.; and Union Grange, No. 25, of which he is chaplain. Politically he is a Republican, and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county.

JOSEPH R. ENSIGN, who, since 1891, has been identified with the Ensign, Bickford & Co., fuse manufacturers, at Simsbury, was born in that village Nov. 24, 1868, and is the only son of Ralph H. and Susan (Toy) Ensign, whose biography is given in full on another page of this volume. He was prepared for college in the Hartford Public High school, from which he graduated in 1885, and then matriculated at Yale College, from which he graduated with the class of 1889. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater in 1891, after a year's study. In 1894 he visited Europe.

On April 5, 1894, Mr. Ensign married Miss Mary J. Phelps, who was born in Simsbury Nov. 13, 1865, youngest daughter of Jeffery O. and Jane (Humphrey) Phelps, of whom a full sketch is also given elsewhere. Mrs. Ensign was educated at Miss Haines' School, Woodside, in Hartford, and at Miss Annie Brown's school, Fifth avenue, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ensign attend the Methodist Church, and Mr. Ensign holds membership with the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, his college society.

HERBERT L. MILLS. Few young men have shown as much business sagacity as this well-known hardware dealer of New Britain, and in his success may be seen the promise of a bright future. As a representative of one of the leading families of the State he ably maintains its reputation for good citizenship, his energies being so far devoted, however, to his business interests.

Mr. Mills was born Feb. 26, 1868, in Middlefield, Middlesex Co., Conn., son of Hon. Lyman A. Mills, now lieutenant-governor of Connecticut. The late Rev. Charles L. Mills, our subject's grandfather, was for many years an honored minister of the Congregational Church at Andover, Mass. He married Elizabeth Lyman, sister of the late David Lyman (president of the Air Line road), and a descendant of a well-known family.

Hon. Lyman A. Mills was born Feb. 25, 1841, in Middlefield, then a part of Middletown, and still makes his home there. He received a public-school education only, but from an early age has manifested a keenness of intellect which could master the practical problems of life unaided. As a young man he became an official in the Metropolitan Manufacturing Co., at Middlefield, not long after its organization in 1860, and from that time he has

been prominent in the management of their extensive interests. Until recently he was the manager of the Middlefield Plant of the American Wringer Company, and at present he has charge of the gun-sight business of the late William Lyman. He also has the care and management of various property and estate interests, and is a director of the American Wringer Co., a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank, president of the Levi E. Coe Library Association, and holds other positions of trust and responsibility. He has held important town offices by unanimous vote, and in 1895 he was a member of the State Legislature, serving on the committee on Finance. Aside from his other business pursuits Mr. Mills has been widely known for thirty years as a successful breeder of Jersey cattle, and in all the lines in which his numerous activities have taken him he has won an enviable name for honorable dealings, as well as for exceptional business capacity.

Our subject was prepared for college at the Wilson grammar school, and Dr. Holbrook's Military College, at Briar Cliff, below Peekskill, N. Y. In 1887 he entered Yale College, where he remained one year, taking the academic course, being ranked throughout his stay in the first of the five divisions into which the students were organized. He has always been interested in athletics, and while in the preparatory schools was a member of a base-ball nine and captain of a foot-ball team. On leaving Yale, in 1889, he became a clerk for the Orr & Lockett Hardware Co., the largest retailers in that line in Chicago, and in 1892, having gained a thorough knowledge of the business, he purchased what was left of the stock of C. D. Lewis, of New Britain, who was then closing out. As the business was at a very low ebb Mr. Mills had to build it up practically from the start, but he has succeeded in establishing a fine trade. Politically he is a Republican, but has never been actively interested in party managment. In 1892 he married Miss Bessie D. Kendall, daughter of the late J. P. Kendall, of Chicago, and one child, Catherine Lyman, brightens their home. Mr. Mills is a member of the New Britain Club, the Gentlemen's Driving Club, and a Knight of the Ancient Essenic Order, of Hartford.

HENRY C. GUSSMAN. It has often been remarked that where energy, determination and intellectual force are present, the emigrant to America or his sons often make strides upward in the scale of individual influence and renown with surprising rapidity.

Henry C. Gussman is a native of New Britain, the city in which he now as a prominent lawyer wields a potent influence, but his father came over from the Fatherland, and in his youth our subject imbibed to a certain degree the air and spirit of his German forefathers. The transplantation upon American soil was stimulative, and in the personality of Mr. Gussman has developed a character manly, aggressive, public-spirited and able, one which needs must come to the front in American life. Mr. Gussman adopted law as his profession. He has signally succeeded. He has won a wide and commanding practice. His professional education was largely the result of his own personal efforts. The self-reliance which he thus won has ever since proved most helpful in his advancement. The largeness of his views has not kept him, however, within the borders of practice only. In that broader field of politics and of public affairs, to which law naturally leads, he has already become eminent and influential.

Mr. Gussman was born in New Britain Jan. 28, 1857, son of Frederick and Mary (Blume) Gussman. The father was born near Hanover, Germany, in the year 1828. He was well educated in his native land, and possessing a taste and a talent for music he was educated in that profession. Migrating to America, he located at New Britain, where he became the leader of Gussman's band, consisting of eighteen pieces, four of the musicians being Gussmans, brothers of the leader. The father of our subject was also a composer of music, and both as teacher and composer enjoyed a wide reputation throughout the State. He was married in New York City to Miss Mary Blume, who was of German extraction, her parents coming from near Hanover. To Frederick and Mary Gussman were born four children: Frederick, who died Jan. 6, 1895, aged forty-one years; Louise; Henry C., our subject; and Edward, a clerk for D. M. Reed & Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., who died May 5, 1898. The father died Dec. 30, 1862.

Henry C. Gussman received his early education in the public schools of New Britain under Prof. Peck. He then attended Prof. Camp's preparatory school, completing the three-years' course in two years, and graduating in 1879. In June of that year he passed his examination for the Scientific Department of Yale College, but remained out of school for one year. He then entered the Law Department, graduating June 28, 1882. Mr. Gussman worked his own way largely through both preparatory school and college. With his diploma gained, he entered the law office of Hon. Henry C. Robinson, of Hartford, where he remained a year. Then opening an office of his own in New Britain, he for a year combined the duties of law practice and reportorial work on the New Britain *Herald;* abandoning journalism, he then devoted his entire attention to the practice of law, in which he has been the architect of his own fortune, winning no business through partnership or influence, but by his own individual merit. He has acquired a practice which is second to none in the city, and in his practice he has been universally successful.

Mr. Gussman has also been active and influential in politics as a lifelong Republican. For three years he was assistant city clerk. In 1888 he was

appointed prosecuting agent by the county commissioners, holding the office four years, or until there was a political change in the commissionership. In 1891 he was appointed clerk of the city and of the police courts by the late Valentine B. Chamberlain, holding the position until the death of the latter, in 1893. For two years he was assistant city attorney. In 1894 he was appointed, by the city council, city attorney and also prosecuting attorney of the city, a position which he held for two years at that time, and is now again filling. For four years Mr. Gussman has served as chairman of the Republican town committee, and by reason of his German influence he was largely instrumental in changing the politics of his city.

Mr. Gussman is quite active in the social and fraternal orders of New Britain. He is a prominent member of Phœnix Lodge, I. O. O. F.; a member of the Grand Lodge, and was one of its appointive officers under Grand Master Marigold, of Bridgeport; of the Daughters of Rebekah; of Comstock Encampment, and of the Uniformed Rank, Canton Foster, Patriarchs Militant; he is an active member of the K. of P., and the Knights of Khorassan; also of Mattabessett Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men. He is a prominent member of the Gentlemen's Driving & Wheel Club. In business affairs he is director and secretary of the New Britain Telephone Co., and of the Hartford Chemical Co. He has always taken a deep interest in the public affairs of the city, non-political as well as political, is an orator of reputation, incisive and convincing in his public utterances, and with a quick and mastering grasp of whatever issues come under his notice professionally or as a citizen.

Mr. Gussman was married, Sept. 25, 1884, to Miss Lizzie Baldwin Boardman, of Meriden, daughter of Albert R. and Ellen (Morgan) Boardman. To Mr. and Mrs. Gussman has been born one daughter, Leah Boardman.

F. L. FORD. Sound judgment, combined with fine ability in mechanical lines, has enabled the subject of this biography, a well-known resident of Windsor, to attain a substantial success in life, and he now holds the responsible position of foreman of the carpenter shop of Pratt & Whitney, in Hartford. He was born in Hartford March 25, 1857, a son of Levi and Nettie (Utley) Ford, the former a native of New York State, the latter of Blue Hills, Conn., and a representative of one of the old and highly-respected families of that place. The father was engaged in mercantile business for many years, but is now living retired in Greenfield, Mass. Our subject is the elder of the two children of the family, the other being Alice, who died unmarried in Greenfield, Mass., May 24, 1889.

Reared in Hartford, F. L. Ford attended the Four Corners school in that city during the winter season, and through the summer months assisted his father. At the age of seventeen he commenced learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of F. L. Burnham, and during his apprenticeship received his board and fifty dollars the first year, $100 the second year, and $150 the third year. On attaining his majority he was a full-fledged mechanic, but as times were hard and the best joiners received only one dollar and a half per day he concluded to seek other employment, and for one year held a position in a sewing-machine shop in Orange, Mass. From there he went to Brightwood, Mass., near Springfield, and was engaged in building passenger cars for a short time, after which he returned to Hartford, and for some time worked for Mail Bros., contractors. For over ten years he has now been with Pratt & Whitney, which is in itself evidence of his mechanical skill and trustworthiness. He was assistant foreman for some time, and was then promoted to the position of foreman, which he is now so capably and satisfactorily filling. In 1889 he built his present excellent home at the corner of Bloomfield avenue and Spring street, Windsor, and he has also erected a house on Loomis avenue and another on Brown street, which he rents.

On April 30, 1889, in the Fourth Congregational Church, Hartford, Mr. Ford was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Schaal, a daughter of Carl and Matilda Louisa (Doebel) Schaal. Her father came to the United States in 1869, and now lives in Portland, Conn. Mrs. Ford was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Nov. 6, 1868, and on Aug. 12, 1883, started alone for America on the steamer "Moesel," which sailed from Bremen, but was wrecked on icebergs after being out only a few days, and broke to pieces. Over 450 lives were lost, but Mrs. Ford and her traveling companion, a girl friend, were rescued, and taken back to England in a row-boat. Over two days were spent in that little craft before they were safely landed on the coast of England. They were then taken to Liverpool, and on the steamer "Hermann" proceeded to Baltimore, which they reached Sept. 15. They went to New York by a special train, which was wrecked, forty-five persons being killed. This was indeed a thrilling experience for Mrs. Ford, and one which she will always remember. Until her marriage she supported herself, and she has proved an excellent wife and faithful helpmeet to our subject. They have an interesting family of three children: Alice M., Frederick L. and Ernest A. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are both earnest members of the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. He is a regular voter, and a supporter of the Republican party. Industrious, enterprising and energetic, his success in life is all due to his own well-directed efforts and the assistance of his wife.

ARTHUR EDWIN COLVIN, a prominent citizen of Hazardville, was born in that village Jan. 27, 1850, a son of William and Charlotte (Rose)

Colvin, who emigrated from Hounslow, England, to America in 1840, and settled in Hazardville, Conn., where the father was for twelve years foreman of the "black hands" department of the Hazard Powder Co. He was killed by an explosion in the mills Sept. 13, 1858. His children, eight in number, were as follows: William S., who is president of the Hazard Powder Co.; Frederick J.; Eliza J., Mrs. William Northrop; Annie M., Mrs. George Smith; Arthur E.; Adeline R., Mrs. George Loughlin; Emma R., Mrs. Albert Prentice; and Henry A.

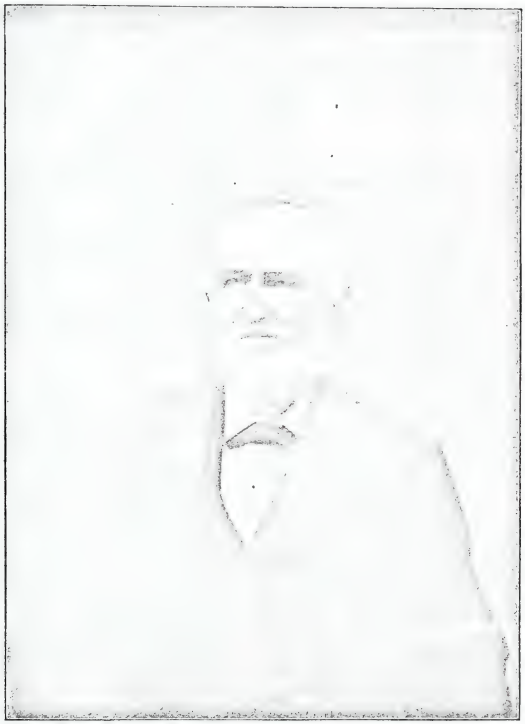
Arthur Edwin Colvin, our subject, was reared to manhood in Hazardville, where he has always since resided. He received a limited education in the common schools, for at the early age of eleven years he began his business career in the joiner shop of the Hazard Powder Co. For several years he was in the packing and canister departments, and since 1873 has held the responsible position of shipping clerk for the company, with the exception of two years, having been in the employ of the Powder Company since 1861.

Mr. Colvin was married on Nov. 3, 1873, to Louise J., daughter of Willis and Catherine (Ribbles) Hare, of Hazardville, and they have four children: Clifford W., Arthur W., Edward R., and Rena M. Mr. Colvin is a leading member of the M. E. Church of Hazardville, and is one of the trustees of same, and is a member of the Sunday school. Politically he is a Republican.

LUCIUS SAMUEL BISHOP ranks high among the wealthiest and most honored citizens of Avon town, Hartford county, and though he has lived partially retired for the past fifteen years he still takes an active part in the business life of this section, attending personally to the management of his large interests. The Bishop family is one of the oldest in the county, and its members have always been classed among the most intelligent and respected citizens, taking an active and honorable part in local public affairs, and making an unblemished record as a business man of integrity and unquestioned ability.

Our subject comes of good old Revolutionary stock, being a grandson of Thomas F. Bishop, who was a lifelong resident of Farmington, now Avon town. When but fifteen years old he entered the service of his country as a soldier in the Revolution, serving for three years in that struggle, and he took part in the siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Thomas F. Bishop was a large land owner, and engaged extensively in dairy farming and stock raising, which he followed principally all his life. He was a strong Whig in political sentiment, and though he never sought or held office he wielded a marked influence for good in his neighborhood as a citizen whose opinion was highly valued. He always commanded deep respect wherever he was known, and bore a high reputation for honor and integrity in all his dealings with his fellowmen. Mr. Bishop was married, in Avon, to Miss Lucy Foot, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: Stella, who married Chester Woodford; Benjamin, who married Betsey Woodford; Delia, who became the wife of George Woodford; Samuel, father of our subject; Jacob, who married Diana Frisby; Jeffrey; Lucy, wife of Hiram Andrews; Thomas N., who married Sally Andrews; Geder Pitt; Adeline, who married Albert Bissell; and Joseph, who married Zerviah Woodford. The parents of this family both passed away in 1851, the father at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, and their remains rest in Cider Brook cemetery. In religious connection they were members of the Congregational Church, and they took a zealous interest in the advancement of the Kingdom and all religious enterprises.

Samuel Bishop was born March 20, 1797, on the old Bishop homestead, and received his education in the district schools of Avon town. He grew to manhood on the farm of his uncle, Samuel Bishop, and after his death became the owner of the place, purchasing part of the property, where he made his home until his removal to Avon Center in 1868. He made numerous improvements on the farm after it came into his possession, and was successfully engaged in general agriculture, dairying, stock raising and tobacco culture. He was prominent in the public as well as the business life of the town, held the office of selectman and various other positions of trust in the locality, and in 1836, and once afterward, represented Avon in the State Legislature, distinguishing himself in every incumbency for trustworthiness and capacity of a high order. No citizen in this region was held in higher esteem or commanded a greater degree of respect from the community in general, and his high character and consistent moral life gave him a strong influence among his townsmen, which was always exerted for the public good. Originally a Whig in political affiliation, he became a Republican when the party changed, and was a stanch supporter of the principles of the organization. His life was an exemplary one in every respect, and he sustained the reputation which has always been borne by the members of this family for good citizenship and uprightness. Mr. Bishop was married, in Avon, to Miss Minerva Woodford, who was born April 20, 1798, in that town, a daughter of Selah and Sarah (Hutchinson) Woodford, and six children were born to this union: Julia Ann, who became the wife of Charles A. Stowe, of Avon; Lucius S.; Sarah M., widow of Daniel A. Miller, living in Bristol; Daniel Franklin, deceased; Fitch Leverett; and Mary E., widow of George Phelps, of Avon. The father of this family passed away March 25, 1879, at Avon Center, where he always lived after his removal from the farm. The mother followed him to the grave March 23, 1884, and they sleep their last sleep in Avon cemetery. She was a good Christian woman, devoted to her home and



Lucius S. Bishop

family, and with her husband was active in the work of the Congregational Church, of which they were members for years. He held the office of deacon.

Lucius S. Bishop was born Oct. 22, 1822, at the old Bishop homestead in Cider Brook, and during his boyhood and youth attended the district and high schools of Avon and West Avon, enjoying good educational advantages. He was reared to farming pursuits, obtaining his first knowledge of agriculture under his father's tuition, and when old enough hiring out to neighboring farmers until 1849, when he engaged in that calling on his own account. He acquired a part of the Joseph Bishop farm on Cider brook, and he continued to occupy that place until 1884, meanwhile enlarging operations until he found himself extensively engaged in tobacco raising, and dealing in dairy stock, in addition to general agricultural pursuits. During those years he was a tireless worker, and his well-directed industry, combined with habits of thrift, economy and good judgment in investing his means, brought him in time a handsome fortune. Mr. Bishop deserves to be called a self-made man, and he is a citizen of whom Avon may well be proud, for he has advanced to a high standing among her foremost business men by dint of hard work and unceasing effort, and occupies a substantial position among the eminently successful men of Hartford county.

In 1884 Mr. Bishop abandoned active work and purchased the home in Avon Center where he has ever since resided, devoting his time and attention to the management of his numerous interests. He is conservative in financial matters, and enjoys the reputation of being a business man of unquestioned ability, foresight and the highest integrity. He is genial in disposition, and temperate in his habits, in this respect resembling all the members of the Bishop family, who have always been noted for sociability and high moral worth in the county with whose interests they have so long been identified. Our subject's success is indeed remarkable, for he has risen from the bottom round of the ladder to an enviable position in business circles, and his life is an example to any who complain of lack of principal with which to commence operations, for his only capital was his knowledge of farm work and a pair of willing hands, coupled with perseverance and a determination which never yielded to misfortune. Mr. Bishop has always attended closely to his private affairs, and has taken little interest in public affairs beyond casting his vote and giving a public-spirited support to matters relating to the improvement or general welfare of his town. He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, casting his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844, and when the party merged into the Republican organization he gave his support to the candidates of same, voting for McKinley in 1896. He is liberal in religious opinion, and supports no particular denomination.

In December, 1849, in Avon, Mr. Bishop was married to Miss Sarah A. Woodford, a native of that town, born in 1819, daughter of Chester and sister of Chester R. Woodford. She was an intelligent and highly-respected woman, a devout member of the Congregational Church, and lived a consistent Christian life, and her death, which occurred June 8, 1887, was widely mourned throughout Avon town. She was laid to rest in Avon cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had two children—Steward S., who now conducts the home farm, and Stella M., who lives with her father. The son married Miss Elizabeth Leggett, and they have had a family of five children: Frank, Bertie (who died young), Florence Elizabeth, Stella M. and Sarah Viola.

JOHN RICHARDSON BROWN, superintendent of Gordon Brothers Mills, at Hazardville, was born Jan. 30, 1858, in Selkirk, Scotland, a son of Joseph and Helen (Richardson) Brown.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were John and Margaret (Roberts) Brown, the former a wool-spinner by trade. She was a sister of the founder of the celebrated firm of George Roberts & Co., manufacturers of Scotch tweeds. Mr. Brown's maternal grandparents, James and Agnes Richardson, were farming people near Selkirk, occupying the historic residence at Foulshiels, where Mungo Park, the celebrated African traveler, was born.

Joseph Brown, father of our subject, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, came to America in 1881, and is now a Synodical missionary of the State of Wisconsin, having charge of the missionary work in that State.

John Richardson Brown was reared in his native town, and received a high-school education, graduating in 1871. He then entered a wool store, learned the wool business, and passed a term of service, being also engaged in the carding department. In 1879 he came to America and located in Philadelphia, where he was employed as second hand in the woolen factory of James Dalton & Brother, serving them in that capacity two years, and was also for two years employed in a similar capacity with H. B. Rinchart, of the same city. Mr. Brown later took charge of the carding and spinning in the Germantown (Penn.) Hosiery Mills (Conyers, Button & Co.), left them to superintend the George Stead Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of woolen yarns, and in 1886 located at Hazardville, Hartford Co., Conn., where he has since held his present position with Gordon Brothers.

On Dec. 28, 1877, Mr. Brown married Robina, daughter of George and Margaret (Sanderson) Douglas, of Selkirk, Scotland. She has borne him six children: Margaret, Helen, Joseph, Ruby, Mabel and Agnes. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican. He is an adherent of the M. E. Church, and among

fraternal orders is an active member of Doric Lodge, No. 94, F. & A. M., and Washington Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.

S. JOHN MILLS, a prominent farmer and brick manufacturer, town of Windsor, was born there March 6, 1824, a son of Samuel W. and Candace (Allyn) Mills, the latter of whom was born in the house where our subject now lives.

Deacon Elijah and Hulda (Drake) Mills, his paternal grandparents, had a family of eight children: Oliver, who was killed in boyhood by the kick of a horse, while leading it from the stable; Alathina, who married Frederick Mills, of Bloomfield, Conn., and died in the Black river country, N. Y.; Hulda, who married (first) Horace Turner, of Hartford, and (second) Roswell Marsh, of New Hartford; Samuel W., father of our subject; Laura, who married Ebenezer Lattimer, a Methodist Episcopal minister; Oliver W., who is represented elsewhere; Timothy D., a very ingenious man and natural mechanic, who lived in Windsor; and Julia, who married (first) Trumbull Hubbard and (second) Henry Goodwin, and died in Hartford. Deacon Mills was a farmer and brickmaker by occupation. He was born in Bloomfield, and when a young man came to Windsor, where he worked one year for Daniel Talcott for $96. It was here that he met his future wife. Although he began life for himself empty-handed, he was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He was killed in 1831, at the age of seventy years. While hauling a load of wood, from his wood lot, the load fell off and the wheel passed over him. His remains were interred in Windsor. He was a man of ordinary build, was a Federalist in politics, and was one of the prominent citizens of his community. He was a devout Christian, a man of the strictest integrity, and was everywhere known as Deacon Mills, having held that office in the Congregational Church at Windsor, of which he was an active member.

Samuel W. Mills, our subject's father, was born in March, 1794, was educated in the common schools of his day, and, being the eldest son who reached years of maturity, he remained at home, assisting in the work of the farm, until his marriage. He wedded Candace Allyn, who was born in October, 1800, and was the third in order of birth in a family of six daughters, whose parents were Fitz John and Deborah (Phelps) Allyn. Mr. Mills and his wife began their domestic life in the big brick house above Wilson's Station, which he and his father built, and there he carried on farming and brickmaking until called from this life, at the age of sixty years, while his wife died at the age of eighty. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and most acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace, though never an office seeker. Religiously he was a faithful member of the Congregational Church at Windsor. Our subject is the eldest in his family of three children; (2) Frederick W., a civil engineer, went West, and has not been heard from for thirty years; and (3) Cecelia is the wife of David H. Decker, of New York.

Reared as a farmer boy, S. John Mills always remained at home with the exception of two winters spent in Amherst, Mass. He attended the district schools until thirteen, one of his first teachers being Miss Laura Barbor, and he further pursued his studies in the schools at Hartford. He was offered better educational advantages, but refused a college course, and remained at home with his father until his marriage. In April, 1852, he wedded Miss Olive E. Drake, who was born in Windsor, Dec. 20, 1831, a daughter of David and Eunice (Eggleston) Drake. The following children were born of this union: Frank V., an ordained minister, was sent by the Presbyterian board as a missionary to China, where he remained seven years. He is married, has one child, Florence B., and now resides in Windsor. Charles W. died in infancy. Myra C., now at home, is a graduate of the Hartford high school, has engaged in teaching, and has also been employed as a stenographer. Samuel D. died in infancy, and Samuel J., Jr., was scalded to death when but a child. The wife and mother departed this life Nov. 19, 1895, and was laid to rest in the Windsor cemetery.

After his marriage Mr. Mills located on his present farm, which was the old homestead of his maternal grandfather, one of the prominent and influential citizens of that community. Our subject has always engaged in farming, for several years was also interested in the milk business, selling that product at wholesale, and is now interested in the manufacture of brick. Although past his three-score years and ten he is still hale and hearty, but has retired from active labor. Being quite a reader, he is well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican party and its principles. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of selectman, and also as tax collector. Religiously he is a faithful member of the Congregational Church at Windsor.

CHARLES CURTIS BRONSON, the genial and popular landlord of the "Hotel Bronson," New Britain, was born at Elizabeth, N. J., Nov. 30, 1857, a son of Joseph Bronson, and a grandson of Horace Bronson, both natives of Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn. His grandfather was a farmer, and his father a mechanic. The latter served in the Civil war, and died Nov. 30, 1861, at the early age of twenty-six years. He married Sarah Elizabeth Denman, by whom he had two children: Charles C.; and Helen Louise, who married Louis Sweiger, of Waterbury. Mrs. Sarah E. Bronson passed away on Christmas Day, 1883.

Charles C. Bronson completed his schooling at the age of fourteen years, having attended the district schools of Watertown, and, for three years, an

academy at the same place. On leaving school he at once began a life of hard work, on a farm and in factories, and at any other line of employment which presented itself. In 1879 he came to New Britain, where he obtained a situation in the P. & F. Corbin factory, displaying such marked mechanical aptitude that within six months he was given a contract. He continued to carry on this line of work until May 30, 1894, executing several contracts, from time to time, in the till-lock department, sometimes employing as many as a dozen men. In the year last named he went from New Britain to Stamford, where he took charge of the trunk-lock department of the Yale Company. This branch of the corporation's business had just been started, and its progress was so slow that Mr. Bronson, after a year's experience, determined to embark in a new line of business. Returning to New Britain, on June 3, 1895, he entered into partnership with D. Hawley Marion, under the firm name of Marion & Bronson, for the purpose of conducting a hotel, the house, known as the "Columbia Hotel," being successful from the day of its opening. On Nov. 6, 1898, Mr. Bronson purchased his partner's interest, and from that time conducted the business alone. On June 2, 1900, he gave up the "Hotel Columbia" and renovated the "Strickland House," making a first-class hotel of same, and has named it "Hotel Bronson;" he took this hostelry Sept. 1, 1900. His life has been marked with singular success from the moment of his entering upon an active career in early youth. As a mechanic he was a skilled workman, and as a hotel proprietor he has ever been a genial and popular host.

On National and State issues Mr. Bronson has always sympathized with the Republican party, but in local affairs has been thoroughly independent. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Foresters. As a Pythian he has achieved considerable prominence, having passed through the highest degree, and served as delegate and alternate at the sessions of the Grand Lodge. He married Victoria, daughter of Nicholas Rowett, of Litchfield county.

GEORGE BRIDGE, a well-known and honored citizen of Hazardville, was born in Milton, County of Kent, England, Nov. 7, 1830.

John and Mary (Prickett) Bridge, his parents, brought their family to America in 1842, and located in Enfield, Hartford county, where the father was employed as packer in the Hazard Powder Mills for about three years, and for the following four years was engaged in the fish and yeast business in Thompsonville. About 1850 he erected the store in Hazardville now occupied by E. C. Allen, and engaged in general merchandising there until 1870, when he retired from business to enjoy a well-earned rest. He was born July 3, 1806, and died April 21, 1873; his wife was born Sept. 10, 1802, and died Jan. 15, 1871. Of their nine children, seven reached years of maturity: George; John W.; Ruth, wife of Rev. Henry D. Adams; Amos D.; Ephraim; Ebenezer; and Stephen. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Robert Bridge, was a fish and oyster man of Milton, England; he married Elizabeth Down. His father was John Bridge, a manufacturer of marine supplies at Milton, who married Anna Gallahawk. John was a son of Stephen Bridge, who started the marine supply business later carried on by his son. Stephen died in 1782; John, in 1803; and Robert, in 1849. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Thomas Prickett, of Faversham, England, married Elizabeth Smith. He was a farmer by occupation, and a son of Thomas Prickett, a shoemaker by trade, who died in Dover, England, in 1781.

George Bridge was a lad of twelve years when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents and took up his residence in Hazardville in 1842. He received a limited education in the common schools. In the spring of 1842, immediately after his arrival in Hazardville, he entered the employ of the Hazard Powder Co., and has remained with them continuously ever since, a period of fifty-seven years. For several years he was foreman of the cooper shop, and it is needless to say that his duties have always been most faithful, capably performed, as his long retention with the company plainly indicates that fact. On Aug. 25, 1862, Mr. Bridge enlisted in Company F, 22nd Conn. V. I., and participated in the battle of Suffolk, Va., and several skirmishes, being honorably discharged July 7, 1863.

Mr. Bridge was married, May 10, 1855, to Miss Jeannette Law, daughter of James and Jane (Crawford) Law, of Thompsonville, and five children were born of this union: Mary, wife of Arthur W. Gowdy; John L.; Henry J.; Elizabeth, wife of Herbert A. Abbe; and George A., who is a graduate of Yale college, of the class of '98, and is now studying medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. Mr. Bridge and his wife are sincere Christians, and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially he is affiliated with Samuel Brown Post, No. 56, G. A. R., of Thompsonville, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. He has held the office of justice of the peace and grand juror several terms, and was a member of the Enfield school committee for eight years. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to the interests of his adopted country are above question, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among its members.

HARRISON HENRY AUSTIN, who is extensively engaged in the cultivation of tobacco in Suffield, and is also a director in the Tobacco Growers Association, was born in Suffield Nov. 28, 1840, and is a member of the remarkable Austin family, a sketch of whom will be found in full detail in the biography of Thomas C. Austin, elsewhere.

Moses Austin, grandfather of Harrison H., was

born in South street, Suffield, and was a son of Nathaniel Austin, a hero of the Revolutionary war. Moses Austin was one of the best-known citizens of his section of the county, was the owner of a large tract of land, on which he made many essential and substantial improvements, and followed agriculture on a large scale throughout life. He married Caroline Smith, of Vermont, and they became the parents of six children: Seymour, Homer, Samuel, Albert, Almira (who was married to a Mr. Hamilton), and Caroline (who first became the wife of a Mr. Olds, and later married William Lighthall). The parents died in Suffield, in the faith of the Baptist Church.

Samuel Austin, father of Harrison H. Austin, was born in South street, Suffield, in 1808. He was largely self-educated, and was a very keen observer of men and their actions. He began his business life as a manufacturer of cigars, and later became a grower and manufacturer of tobacco on a large scale: in conjunction with his cigar making, at one time employing over 150 hands in carrying on his industries. He began life as a poor boy, but through his inexhaustive energy accumulated a handsome competency, and a fame that extended to all parts of the New England States. In politics he was originally a Whig, on the formation of the Republican party becoming one of its stanchest supporters, and was its delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency of the United States in 1860. He never sought office at the hands of the Republicans, but, on the contrary, they constantly sought his counsel, and his home was the resort of many of the most eminent members of his party, including Horace Greeley and Gen. Hawley, the present United States senator from Connecticut. Among his business positions he held that of a director in the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hartford. He married Miss Amoretta Gillett, a native of Suffield, Conn., who was a daughter of Calvin and Thankful (Warner) Gillett, and a granddaughter of Corporal Nathaniel Warner, who served through the Revolutionary war. To this marriage were born eight children: Calvin, deceased at the age of twenty-four, was married three months before his death to Rosella Haden, of Southwick, Mass., who survives him; William; Louise, deceased wife of Dr. M. G. Newton, of Suffield; Charles, who died young; Harrison H., our subject; Phebe, widow of Robert E. Pinney, of Suffield; Emma, who died at the age of four years; and one who died in infancy. The remains of Samuel Austin, who was one of the most remarkable men of the State, now repose beside those of his late adorable wife in Suffield cemetery, his death having occurred March 12, 1876, hers on Sept. 12, 1881.

Harrison H. Austin was educated in the district school and the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, and at Prof. Dudley's Seminary, Northampton, Mass., and began his business life with his father as a traveling salesman; later he became his father's partner, and was next associated in the tobacco business with his brother-in-law, Dr. Newton, until 1876, since which date he has devoted his time chiefly to tobacco dealing, his tract of 200 acres being now under the superintendency of his son, Ernest N.

Mr. Austin was united in matrimony, Nov. 30, 1865, in Heartwellville, Vt., with Miss Hattie Sears Thayer, a native of Berkshire county, Mass., and a daughter of William and Hepsabah (Sears) Thayer, the former a native of Buckland, Mass. Her maternal grandfather, Arsella Sears, and great-grandfather, Jonathan Sears, were both gallant soldiers of the Revolutionary army. Mrs. Austin was educated in the Connecticut Literary Institute of Suffield, is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and refinement, is a gifted conversationalist, and holds the honor of being the only woman that ever served in a public capacity in Suffield. She was first appointed a member of the school board in South street district, and later was elected to the office, in which she has served with tact and fidelity for three years. She is well-read generally and keeps fully posted on current events. To Mr. and Mrs. Austin the following named children have been born: Samuel H., who, at the time of his death, at the age of fifteen years, was a student in the Connecticut Literary Institute; Grace, who is the wife of Howard A. Standish, of Hartford; Clarence W., who was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of the Connecticut Literary Institute of Suffield, and a graduate of Yale College, class of '92, was for three years professor of Latin in the Connecticut Literary Institute, was a young man of acknowledged intelligence and ability, and died in Hartford Feb. 8, 1895, under an operation for appendicitis; Amoretta Gillett, who died in infancy; Ernest Newton, born August 11, 1874, who is now in charge of the homestead, was married in 1896 to Miss Adeline Cowing, daughter of Joel Cowing, and had one child that died in infancy; and Charles Calvin, born June 4, 1876, who is at present attending the Connecticut Literary Institute.

Harrison H. Austin has been a director in the Tobacco Growers Association since 1882, and is a man of marked executive ability. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion is a member of the Baptist Church. He was one of the charter members of the O. U. A. M., and has always been a leader in advancing all measures designed for the promotion of the public welfare. He and his accomplished wife, with their family, stand high in the social circles of Suffield, and none enjoy a more exalted position in the esteem of the public at large than they.

COL. ALFRED LOOMIS THOMPSON. It would be difficult to say in which of several prominent fields—social, business and professional—the subject of this sketch is best known. Some men

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become identified with one department of human activity, and beyond its sphere of action are unknown. It has been the happy fate of Col. Thompson to have won the recognition of his fellow men in a career that is well rounded, that mingles the business with the social element, that has displayed types of ability at once rare and delightful. Military affairs have always possessed a fascination for him. Too young to enlist in the army during the Civil war, he as a boy followed with keenest interest the varied fortunes of arms during that memorable struggle, and later became prominent as a military instructor and as an officer of the National Guard. Gifted with a personal presence and manner that attracted and inspired, he has filled many positions of honor and commanding importance among the fraternal orders. Successful in business, he has been honored by election to public office. He is now city clerk of New Britain.

Col. Thompson was born in Portland, Conn., Dec. 5, 1851, son of John and Mariette (Case) Thompson, the former a native of Vernon, and the latter of Portland, Conn. His earliest known ancestor on his mother's side was John Hollister, who came from England and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1642. His earliest ancestor on his father's side was Hezekiah Bissell, who was one of the founders of the town of Windsor, Conn., early in the eighteenth century. His ancestors figured conspicuously in the Revolutionary war.

Alfred L. Thompson attended the public schools of Portland and New Berlin, completing his education in the high school of the latter city. In 1865 his father removed from Portland to New Britain, and for two years thereafter our subject assisted him on the farm and attended the schools during the winter. He then became identified with the manufacturing interests of the city. Entering the works of the Stanley Co. in the fall of 1867, he remained until the following spring, and then became an employe of the Basket Co. Here he remained until the fall of 1869, when he entered the high school. In the spring of 1870 he entered the employ of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., remaining until the spring of 1871, when he was employed by the James Minoe Paper Box Manufacturing Co.; he soon after re-entered the employ of the Stanley Co., where he remained as contractor until 1892. During that year he became military instructor in the academy at Cheshire, Conn. Col. Thompson then engaged in the coal business for three years, from 1893 to 1896. In the latter year he was elected to his present position as city clerk of New Britain.

In 1884 Col. Thompson was commissioned captain of Company E, 1st Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, and continued to fill that military office until 1890, when he was elected lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, from which position he retired in the spring of 1898. Col. Thompson is prominently connected with many of the fraternal orders and social organizations of the city. An enumeration of the many offices he has filled among the orders will not here be attempted, but the prominent standing he holds in the social phase of life is amply attested by the following partial list: He was chief templar of Lincoln Lodge, No. 14, I. O. G. T., in 1872; W. C. T., Phœnix Temple, T. of H. and Temperance, in 1876; G. W. T., Grand Temple of Connecticut, T. of H. and T., in 1882 and 1887; B. Councilor, New Britain Council, No. 8, O. U. A. M., in 1886; State Councilor of Connecticut, O. U. A. M., from October, 1897, to May, 1899; B. C. of Lady Putnam Council, No. 4, Daughters of Liberty, in 1888; Noble Grand of Phœnix Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F., in 1893; C. C. of St. Elmo Lodge, No. 21, K. P., in 1892; M. W. of A. W. Harvey Lodge, No. 49, A. O. U. W., in 1892; Governor of Trumbull Council, No. 49, P. F., in 1895; F. C. of New Britain Council, No. 10, C. F., in 1895; B. A. of New Britain Conclave, No. 138, I. O. H., in 1896; Guard in Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., in 1895; J. D. in Centennial Lodge, No. 118, F. & A. M., in 1897; P. P. of New Britain Council, A. B. A., in 1897; Adjutant-general L. L. of the O. U. A. M., in 1896-1900, and is now Major-general of said organization.

Col. Thompson was married, June 11, 1873, to Mary S. Packard, who died in 1884.

HENRY M. ADAMS, superintendent of the Hartford County Temporary Home for Dependent Children, at Warehouse Point, has proved himself well-fitted for that important post. A long career as a successful educator has given him a practical knowledge of childhood's needs and developed a rare power of discipline by kind yet firm methods, and the Board of County Commissioners could not easily have made a more satisfactory appointment. As a veteran of the Civil war Mr. Adams has an especial claim upon the regard of his fellow citizens, and he bears a constant reminder of the hardships of service in the lasting effects of a wound received at Antietam.

Mr. Adams was born Aug. 18, 1840, at Suffield, Mass., a son of James B. and Julia A. (Peck) Adams. When he was only one year old his parents removed to North Canaan, Conn., and nine years later they settled upon a farm near Broad Brook, this county, where he grew to manhood. At the age of twenty he began teaching, but in 1862 he enlisted, becoming a private in Company G, 16th Conn. Vol. Inf., being mustered into service at Hartford. His first engagement was at Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862, and was, indeed, a "baptism of fire," a minie ball striking him and causing a compound fracture of the right thigh. The wound was received at 4 P. M., and for forty-three hours he lay upon the battlefield. On being found by the hospital corps he was taken to the field hospital at Sharpsburg, Md., and remained there until the following spring, when he was removed to a hospital

at Big Springs, Md. On April 1, 1863, he received an honorable discharge at Hagerstown, Md., and soon after his return to Broad Brook he resumed his work as a teacher. He was thus employed in Broad Brook and vicinity until 1871, and later he taught one year each at Portland, Meriden, and East Hampton; two years at Westville, New Haven county; five years in Canaan and two in Rockville, being recalled to Canaan, where he spent six years more in successful work in the school room. His health began to fail, his old wound giving him much suffering, and he was obliged to rest for a time, on his recovery engaging in journalistic work, corresponding for various newspapers and the Associated Press. In 1896 he was appointed to his present position, as head of the Children's Home at Warehouse Point, where he has since resided.

On Dec. 7, 1871, Mr. Adams married Mrs. Abalena H. Allen, a native of Southwick, Mass., and both are prominent in social life and in the work of the Congregational Church at Windsor Locks. In politics Mr. Adams is a strong Republican and has held several town offices, for many years he has been a member of J. H. Convers Post, No. 67, G. A. R., at Windsor Locks, of which he is the present commander.

ENOS E. STOW. Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Southington who occupies a more important position in the business world than the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and who was for eleven years president of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with the important industry of which he was at the head has been of decided advantage to this section of Hartford county, promoting its material welfare in no slight degree.

Mr. Stow was born in Southington March 16, 1824, and belongs to an old Connecticut family. His great-grandfather, Solomon Stow, of Middletown, was born in 1706, and wedded Mary, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Belding. Their son, Ebenezer, the grandfather of our subject, was born June 16, 1753, and was married, March 15, 1775, to Ruth Bulkley, a sister of Gersham Bulkley. Ebenezer Stow died Jan. 14, 1830, his wife Dec. 15, 1825. Their children were Emily, Margaret, Ursula, Roxey (wife of Zenas Hubbard), Enos, Solomon, and Ruth (wife of Harry Robinson).

Solomon Stow, the father of Enos E., was born in Rocky Hill, Hartford county, Sept. 14, 1793, and was married, Oct. 17, 1816, to Eunice Shepard, daughter of Samuel and Thankful (Mallory) Shepard. In 1823 he came to Southington and embarked in business as a cabinetmaker with his brother-in-law, Mark Lane, five years later turning his attention to the manufacture of clocks. In 1834 he built a dam and shop on the site partially covered by the bridge over the Quinnipiack, and engaged in the manufacture of machines for Seth Peck & Co. In 1847 he became interested in the tin machine business, in company with his son, Enos, and Hial Grannis, Sr., and in 1849 he associated with him his two sons, Enos and Orson, under the firm name of Solomon Stow & Sons. In 1852 the works were removed to Plantsville, and a joint-stock company was formed, known as the S. Stow Manufacturing Co. Mr. Stow died in 1868, and in 1870 the Peck-Smith Manufacturing Co., the S. Stow Manufacturing Co. and the Roys & Wilcox Co. were consolidated. Later the Wilcox & Treadway Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, was absorbed, and to-day it is the largest concern of its kind in the world. Our subject was chosen president of the company in 1887, and filled that position until Aug. 1, 1899, when he resigned. The success of the company under his management attests his eminent and pronounced ability as a business man.

Mr. Stow was one of the incorporators of the Southington Water Co., of which he is now president, and is also president of the board of fire commissioners, and one of the directors of the Southington National Bank. He is a prominent member of the Second Congregational Church of Southington, of which he is a deacon, and he has been elected to various town offices. He is a Republican in political sentiment. He is a courteous gentleman, and, above all, wherever he is found, whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach. Southington owes much to him, and numbers him among her valued citizens.

Enos E. Stow has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Matilda Newell, and for his second he wedded Miss Mary A. Ames, a daughter of Amon and Rossannah (Hart) Ames, of Southington. By the last marriage he has three children living, namely: Mary Eunice, wife of Hiram Roberts; Frederick Enos, superintendent of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co.'s edge-tool works (he married Jennie Cowles, of Southington); and Bessie Sarah.

EDWIN W. KELLOGG, one of the successful tobacco growers of the town of Windsor, is a thoroughly up-to-date and scientific farmer—one who makes a study of his chosen calling. Tobacco is the main crop of the locality, and its culture requires scientific farming. Our subject is much more of a reader than the average farmer, and as a result he is a man of broad general information.

Mr. Kellogg was born in East Winsted, Conn., Nov. 9, 1856, and is the only child of Col. E. S. Kellogg, a gallant officer of the Civil war, who gave up his life in the service of his country. He was a native of Glastonbury, Conn., born Nov. 27, 1824, and a son of Capt. Elisha and Maria (Stratton) Kellogg, who made their home throughout life in Glastonbury. The grandfather was a captain of coasting vessels, and lived to a ripe old age. His wife survived him for a time, but both now sleep in the cemetery at Glastonbury. In their family

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were the following children: Gustavus, who died in Glastonbury, was a tool-maker by trade, but the latter years of his life were devoted to farming; Col. E. S. was the second son; Ruth married Martin Hollister, and lives in New York State; Maria married Thaddeus Wells, and died in Glastonbury; Eliza is the wife of B. Post, of Andover; Laura, who died in Chicago, first married a Mr. Woodbridge in New York State, and later a Dr. Brown; and Lucy married a Mr. Rockwood of New York State.

Until fourteen years of age Col. Kellogg remained at home, and attended the schools of his native town, but on reaching that age he went to New London, Conn., and shipped on a whaling vessel. He continued to follow the sea until he was twenty, sailed over much of the globe, and at one time was shipwrecked on the Australian coast. On abandoning the water, in 1849, he went to California, but did not have any success. He then learned tool-making with his brother in Massachusetts, and continued to follow that trade until the opening of the war of the Rebellion, being employed at that time at Birmingham (now Derby), Conn. He was the first man to enlist in the first three-years company that went from this State, becoming a member of Company B, 3rd Conn. V. I., which was later changed to the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He was mustered in as captain of Company B; was promoted to the rank of major in the 1st Artillery, and was sent home as lieut.-colonel when the 19th Conn. V. I. was formed; but when it was changed to the 2nd Heavy Artillery he was given the rank of colonel. He was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864, and his remains were brought back to Winsted, Conn., for interment. He was a well built man, and a good mechanic; he was a Democrat, but never a politician; socially he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity; and religiously was an Episcopalian.

Col. Kellogg left a widow and one son, our subject. He had married, Oct. 23, 1853, Miss Polly G. Brown, who was born in Winsted, Dec. 14, 1828, a daughter of Orin and Nancy (Bishop) Brown. Her father, a native of Thomaston, Conn., was a shoemaker by trade, but spent the last years of his active life in farming. He died in Winsted at the age of eighty-four years, his wife at about the age of forty. In their family were nine children, three of whom died in childhood, the others being Hannah, who died at the age of twenty; Hiram, a skilled mechanic and pioneer in edge-tool making, who died in Riverton, Conn., in 1897; Nancy, who died in her 'teens; Betsey, who married George Kinney, and died in Winsted; Polly G., mother of our subject; and Bradley O., a farmer of East Otis, Mass. Mrs. Kellogg was educated in the public schools and academy at Winsted, and for three years successfully engaged in teaching school, receiving a salary of $1 per week, and boarding round among the scholars. After her husband's death she returned to Winsted, where she resided for several years, and then went to Glastonbury, making that place her home until 1872, when, as her son wished to engage in farming, she bought the place in Windsor town where she now lives. She is an intellectual and highly respected lady, and is an earnest member of the Episcopal Church.

As soon as old enough Edwin W. Kellogg entered the public schools of Winsted, where he pursued his studies until ten years old, at which time he and his mother removed to Glastonbury, his education being completed in the academies at that place and South Glastonbury. On account of ill health he was compelled to leave school at the age of sixteen. As a boy he worked as a farm hand, and it was his desire to devote his life to agricultural pursuits. At one time he had an attack of "western fever," and to satisfy this his mother purchased the farm in Windsor town which he has since so successfully managed. He is now one of the progressive and substantial farmers of the community, thoroughly conversant with every department of farm work. In politics he is a Democrat, and, while not an office seeker or a politician from selfish motives, he is one of the counsellors and advisers of the party in his section, and has always worked for the party's success, his influence being used for his friends. Socially he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Windsor. Mr. Kellogg married Miss Jennie Pinney, of Bloomfield, and they have had two children: Hattie A., and Elisha S.

ARCHIBALD WELLINGTON OSTERHOUDT, a respected grower of tobacco and general farmer of Suffield, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1850, and on the mother's side is descended from one of the good old Knickerbocker families that first ruled the Empire State; paternally he is also of Dutch descent.

James Osterhoudt, father of subject, was born in Lackawanna county, Penn., and was a son of Jonathan Osterhoudt, a sea-faring man. James Osterhoudt grew to manhood in his native county, but was still a young man when he went to Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he engaged in dairying and general farming, and where he married Miss Sarah Lowen, a native of the county, and also of Dutch descent. To their union were born five children, in the following order: John, deceased; Phebe, wife of Charles R. Hoffman, of Red Hook; Archibald W., our subject; Frank, of White Plains, N. Y.; and Henry, of Gloversville, N. Y. The father and mother both died in the faith of the Episcopal Church, and were interred in the cemetery at Red Hook.

Archibald W. Osterhoudt was educated in the public schools of his native town, and also at St. Stephen's College, Allendale, N. Y. At the age of fourteen years he left the latter institution and shipped on board the "Golden Horn," of Prince Edward Island, as an ordinary seaman, and for

three years led a sea-faring life, visiting many seaports of the world. On his return to Red Hook, he resided on the homestead until 1876, when he came to Connecticut and rented land at Simsbury, Hartford county, and engaged in dairying, tobacco culture and general farming for upward of seventeen years. By this time, through his industry and frugal habits, he had acquired some capital, and in 1893 came to Suffield and bought two tracts of land, comprising fifty-six acres, from Capt. Hamilton, and engaged in the customary culture of tobacco and general farming. He made many improvements on the place, remodeled the dwelling, and has now as fine a farm as any of its size in the county.

Mr. Osterhoudt was united in marriage, at Red Hook, N. Y., in 1875, with Miss Lula Van Derbilt, a native of Saugerties, Ulster Co., N. Y., and a daughter of James and Kate (Longerdyke) Van-Derbilt, and a granddaughter of Peter Van Derbilt, all of true Holland descent. To this marriage have been born two children: George V., who was educated in his native town of Simsbury at the public schools, and also at the Suffield Literary Institute and the Business College at Hartford, died Oct. 30, 1899; Mary A., also a native of Simsbury, is attending high school in Windsor Locks, and is quite an artist in crayon and water colors, considering her age. The family attend the Episcopal Church, and of this church Mr. Osterhoudt was a vestryman at Tariffville for several years. He is an honored member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M., at Granby, and is a temperate, industrious and frugal man, and a useful citizen. In politics he is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker.

Mrs. Osterhoudt is a lady of culture and refinement, and is noted for her housekeeping accomplishments, as well as her literary tastes, and her home gives every evidence of her fitness, in all things to be the wife of a deserving husband.

HON. FITCH LEVERETT BISHOP, who passed away Jan. 29, 1900, was for many years a representative citizen of Avon town, Hartford county, where he was prominent as a well-to-do farmer and member of the tobacco firm of F. Ripley & Co., the most extensive dealers in their line along the Farmington river. He was born Oct. 5, 1828, in that town, on the homestead of the Bishop family at Cider Brook.

Mr. Bishop was a descendant of one of the oldest families of Hartford county, whose members have always been identified with the best in social and public life, taking an active part in the advancement of local interests and distinguishing themselves for public spirit and intelligence as citizens and in the conduct of their private affairs. His grandfather, Thomas F. Bishop, was a lifelong resident of Avon, which during his early years was included in Farmington town. When but fifteen years old he entered the service of his country as a soldier in the Revolution, serving for three years in that struggle, and he took part in the siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Thomas F. Bishop was a large land owner and engaged extensively in dairy farming and stock raising, which he followed principally all his life. He was a strong Whig in political sentiment, and though he never sought or held office he wielded a marked influence for good in the neighborhood as a citizen whose opinion was highly valued. He always commanded deep respect wherever he was known, and bore a high reputation for honor and integrity in all his dealings with his fellow men. Mr. Bishop was married, in Avon, to Miss Lucy Foot, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: Stella, who married Chester Woodford; Benjamin, who married Betsey Woodford; Delia, who became the wife of George Woodford; Samuel, father of our subject; Jacob, who married Diana Frisby; Jeffrey, who married Dolly Woodford; Lucy, wife of Hiram Andrews; Thomas N., who married Sally Andrews; Gedor Pitt; Adeline, who married Albert Bissell; and Joseph, who married Zerviah Woodford. The parents of this family both passed away in 1851, the father at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, and their remains rest in Cider Brook cemetery. In religious connection they were members of the Congregational Church, and they took a zealous interest in the advancement of the Kingdom and all religious enterprises.

Samuel Bishop was born March 20, 1797, on the old Bishop homestead, and received his education in the district schools of Avon town. He grew to manhood on the farm of his uncle, Samuel Bishop, and after his death became the owner of the place, purchasing part of the property, where he made his home until his removal to Avon Center in 1868. He made numerous improvements on the farm after it came into his possession, and was successfully engaged in general agriculture, dairying, stock raising and tobacco culture. He was a prominent citizen in the public as well as the business life of the town, held the office of selectman and various other positions of trust in the locality, and in 1836 represented Avon in the State Legislature, distinguishing himself in every incumbency for trustworthiness and capacity of a high order. About 1872 he was again representative. No citizen in this region was held in higher esteem, or commanded a greater degree of respect from the community in general, and his high character and consistent moral life gave him a strong influence among his townsmen, which was always exerted for the public good. Originally a Whig in political affiliation, he became a Republican when the party changed, and was a stanch suporter of the principles of the organization. His life was an exemplary one in every respect, and he sustained the reputation which has always been borne by the members of this family for good citizenship and uprightness. Mr. Bishop was married, in Avon, to Miss Minerva Woodford, who

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was born April 20, 1798, in that town, a daughter of Selah and Sarah (Hutchinson) Woodford, and six children were born to this union, namely: Julia Ann, who became the wife of Charles A. Stowe, of Avon; Lucius S., a retired resident of Avon; Sarah M., widow of Dan A. Miller, living in Bristol; Dan Franklin, deceased; Fitch Leverett; and Mary E., widow of George Phelps, of Avon. The father of this family passed away March 25, 1879, at Avon Center, where he always lived after his removal from the farm. The mother followed him to the grave March 23, 1884, and they sleep their last sleep in Avon cemetery. She was a good Christian woman, devoted to her home and family, and with her husband was active in the work of the Congregational Church, of which they were members for years. He held the office of deacon.

Fitch Leverett Bishop remained under the paternal roof until 1852, receiving a thorough training to farm life, and during his boyhood attending the district schools, where he gained a good practical education. In 1852, having caught the "gold fever," he started for California, making the journey by way of Panama, and he spent two years in the "new Eldorado," meeting with reasonable success in the hunt for gold. After his return, by the same route, he settled down to agriculture on the homestead, where he ever after remained, growing tobacco and carrying on general farming and dairying, in which he became prosperous beyond his expectations. He improved the place constantly after he undertook the cultivation of same on his own account, and the property is now one of the most valuable in the town, representing as it does the result of years of careful and systematic management. He commenced the tobacco business in 1872, buying and selling, and was a member of the firm of F. Ripley & Co., the largest tobacco dealers along the Farmington river.

Mr. Bishop was an honorable, energetic and capable business man, and the qualities which brought him success in his own affairs were also turned to account in the affairs of the town in which he made his home, for his fellow citizens, recognizing his ability and worth, honored him with election to numerous offices of responsibility and trust. He filled the office of selectman of Avon for eight terms, and in 1870 was chosen to represent the town in the State Legislature at New Haven, during his service in that incumbency acting as member of the committee on Claims. In 1884 he was again elected to the Assembly, serving at Hartford, and during this term was a member of the committee on Corporations. Throughout his service as a legislator he distinguished himself for sound judgment and intelligence of a high order and gave unbounded satisfaction to his constituency in Avon, discharging all his duties with a fidelity and regard for the welfare of the community he represented which won hearty approval for him at home and in the legislative body. He was also assessor of his town. In political affiliation Mr. Bishop was always a stanch Republican. He was a self-made man, in the best sense of that often misused term, and the substantial position which he occupied in the business world was due entirely to his own ambitious and enterprising efforts. His remains rest in Avon cemetery.

Mr. Bishop was married, Oct. 9, 1861, at Farmington, to Miss Jane E. Andrews, a native of that town, daughter of Amon and Roxana (Goodhue) Andrews, and granddaughter of James Andrews. Three children were born to them, namely: Nellie Stanley received her education in the common and high schools. Sarah Roxana attended the schools of Avon, and completed her education at Miss Porter's select school. Mary Belle attended the district schools and at Farmington; she is an artist of marked ability, studied painting with Miss Roberts, Mr. Flagg and Mr. Brandegee, and visited the best studios in Paris, France, taking a very complete course of training in her profession, in which she stands high, being now engaged in teaching painting at Berlin. The entire family are noted for their culture and refinement, and their home is one of the most agreeable in Avon, Mrs. Bishop and her daughters delighting in extending hospitality to their wide circle of friends in and around the town. Mrs. Bishop completed her education in the high schools of Farmington and West Hartford, and subsequently taught school for ten years, in Farmington, Berlin, Plainville, West Hartford and Burlington. She is a refined Christian woman, devoted to her home and actively interested in church work, she and her daughters uniting with the Congregational Society. The entire family are earnest workers for the advancement of educational and social interests, and they occupy a high position among the best and most intelligent people of Hartford county.

SIRVILIUS ARTHUR GRISWOLD, a representative and highly respected citizen of Suffield, was born in that place Feb. 19, 1850, and is a son of Arthur W. and Mary (Harrison) Griswold.

Martin Griswold, the paternal grandfather, a native of Vermont, settled in Suffield in the early part of the nineteenth century, and there engaged in farming until called from this life. He wedded Miss Mary Wallace, and to them were born nine children who reached years of maturity: Laura, wife of Alvah Allen; Addi; Ladora, wife of Warner Patton; Martin; Melinda, wife of Elijah Himes; Mary, wife of Alanson S. Burbank; Clark; Sirvilius; and Arthur W. The last-named, who was the father of our subject, was reared in Suffield, where he made his home throughout life, being engaged in agricultural pursuits. His children were Luannah, wife of Loren Hastings; Sirvilius A.; and Noyes H. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Mary (Wilcox) Harrison, of Suffield.

In his native town Sirvilius A. Griswold passed

his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads of his day. His education was acquired in the common schools of the town and the high school of Hadley, Mass. He continued to assist in the labors of the home farm until sixteen years of age, and then took up marine engineering, following that occupation until 1898. He operated a ferry between Suffield and Thompsonville for a quarter of a century, but since June, 1898, has been engineer for the Hartford Carpet Co., at Thompsonville, though he still continues to make his home in Suffield, where he has always resided.

On Feb. 2, 1871, Mr. Griswold was united in marriage with Miss Augusta West, a daughter of Abner and Anna (Shuman) West, of Rensselaerville, N. Y., and to them was born one daughter, Luannah H., now the wife of Ralph E. Moody. Politically Mr. Griswold is identified with the Democratic party; socially he affiliates with the Order of United American Mechanics. His genial, pleasant manner makes him quite popular, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

MISS CORDELIA LUCY ARCHER, of Suffield, is a descendant of one of the most prominent families of that locality, many of its members having been numbered among the progressive and patriotic citizens of the Revolutionary period. Her beautiful residence, which occupies a most attractive location in the town, has long been the center of a refined hospitality, and her position in social life has always been an enviable one. Her wealth involves no little care and responsibility, but while she is generous and kind-hearted, she has shown rare business ability in the management of her affairs. Her early educational advantages were of the best, and after completing a district-school course at Suffield she entered Miss Edward's Episcopal school, at New Haven, Conn.; Mr. Hemenway's private school, Suffield, and the Connecticut Literary Institute. Her extensive travel and wide reading of the best literature make her conversation full of interest, and her sympathy for philanthropic and religious work is shown in many ways. For thirty-eight years she has been an active member of the Congregational Church, to which she is a liberal contributor, as were her forefathers from pioneer times.

Miss Archer's first ancestors in the paternal line of whom we have a definite account were Thomas Archer, a native of England, who came to America in early manhood, and settled in Suffield in 1749. He engaged in farming, and also dealt extensively in indigo, and as a citizen was highly esteemed. He died March 14, 1797, and his wife, Azuba Olds, died Dec. 20, 1806. They had the following children: Thomas, born March 25, 1750, died Oct. 6, 1752; May, born March 24, 1752; Elizabeth, born June 19, 1753; Sabra, born June 4, 1755; Thomas (2), our subject's grandfather; Azuba, born Nov. 27, 1762; Lucy, born Nov. 14, 1764; Louisa, born Aug. 22, 1768; Eusebius, born March 22, 1770; and Jemima, born March 23, 1772.

Thomas Archer (2) was born in Suffield June 17, 1758, and was active in the struggle for Independence. He was prominent in business as a merchant, hotel-keeper, and farmer, and was also interested in shipping slaves from Africa. The house which he occupied is now probably the oldest house in the town. On Dec. 21, 1778, he married Roxana Hancock, who died Oct. 24, 1831, and his death occurred July 6, 1797. Their children were: Zeno, born June 26, 1779, died in New Orleans Dec. 14, 1800; Cynthia, born Sept. 15, 1780, died Aug. 12, 1823; Thaddeus, born May 9, 1782; Horace, born Feb. 7, 1784, died on the coast of Africa in 1810; Ann Eliza, born Feb. 4, 1786; and Thomas, our subject's father.

Thomas Archer (3), was born in Suffield, Jan. 10, 1793, and became a highly-respected resident and one of the most extensive land holders of the town, a portion of the village of Suffield being built upon his homestead. For some years he conducted a hotel at Suffield, and in 1877 he removed to Suffield Center, where he died April 21, 1880. On Nov. 30, 1820, he married Lucy Remington, daughter of Capt. Abijah Remington, and a member of a well-known family. She died April 18, 1867, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. Their children were given the best opportunities, educational and social, which the time and locality afforded, and all have held honorable positions in life. (1) George, born Sept. 10, 1821, died Aug. 4, 1822. (2) George, born July 4, 1823, is now a prominent citizen of Suffield. (3) Luther, born Feb. 8, 1824, enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, in Company A, 7th Conn. V. I., and was wounded July 11, 1863, at Fort Wagner, S. C. For many years he resided in Suffield, his death occurring July 20, 1878. (4) Horace, born May 20, 1826, resides in Pittsfield, Mass. (5) Cordelia L., born April 14, 1830, is the subject of this sketch. (6) Mary, born Sept. 5, 1832, married Col. George S. Burnham, of Hartford, and died March 10, 1893. (7) Louise L., born Sept. 7, 1834, married N. S. Pomeroy, of Suffield. (8) Sarah E., born Sept. 6, 1836, married E. D. Morgan (son of Ex-Gov. Morgan, of New York), and died Feb. 22, 1880. (9) Helen L., born Oct. 13, 1838, died Sept. 10. 1897, in Suffield, where she was greatly beloved. She always resided with our subject, and was foremost in all good works in Suffield. Generous to a fault, she was especially active in church work, and in Sybil Dwight Kent Chapter, of the D. A. R., of which she was Regent. (10) Isabel, born Feb. 26, 1840, died in May, 1840.

THOMAS MORRISON, a leading and enterprising citizen of Enfield, and overseer of the worsted department of the Hartford Carpet Co., at Thompsonville, was born in Barnet, Vt., Feb. 9, 1837, a son of John and Elizabeth (Barber) Morrison, both

natives of Scotland, who came to America in 1832 and located in Craitsbury, Vermont.

For about five years the father engaged in farming at Peacham and Barnet, that State, and in 1837 came to Thompsonville, Conn., and entered the employ of the Thompsonville Carpet Co., as a weaver, remaining there until 1839, when he removed to Saxonville, Mass., where he held a similar position for two years. He afterward worked in Norwich, Conn., North Grafton and Roxbury, Mass., and finally returned to Saxonville, where the last five years of his life were spent, and where he died in 1848. His children were Margaret, wife of George Flood; John; Ellen, wife of James Robbins; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Butman; Agnes, wife of James Dreghorn; Charles F.; James; Thomas; and William. Our subject's maternal grandparents, Charles and Margaret Barber, of Scotland, also came to the New World in 1832 and settled in Vermont, but after sixteen years spent in this country they returned to their native land, where both died.

Thomas Morrison was reared in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and received a limited common-school education. When in his eleventh year he began work as a mill hand in a worsted mill, and worked in various sections of the country until his nineteenth year. He then served a three years' apprenticeship at the brass finisher's trade in Norwich, Conn., and worked as a journeyman at that occupation for one year. During the early part of the Civil war he was employed by the Colt Fire Arms Co., at Hartford, Conn., for a year and a half, and in 1862 enlisted in Company C, 20th Conn. V. I., serving for seven months. On his return from the war he was in the employ of the government, at New York City, in the making of Springfield rifles for a year and a half, and was then made overseer of the worsted department of a carpet mill at Rifton Glen, N. Y., where he remained one year. In 1866 he came to Thompsonville and entered the employ of the Hartford Carpet Co., as a machinist; from 1867 until 1870 had charge of the carding room, and in August of the latter year was appointed overseer of the worsted department of the mills, which position he has since held to the entire satisfaction of the company.

Mr. Morrison first married Miss Frances, daughter of John Q. and Mary Cox, of Norwich, Conn.; she died leaving one son, George M. For his second wife he wedded Miss Mary J. Robinson, a daughter of William and Julia A. Robinson, also of Norwich, and of the six children born to them three still survive: Hattie R., wife of Charles Perkins; George J.; and Mary Ella, wife of Joseph Leete. His present wife was Miss Mary Pease, a daughter of Arvin and Mary A. (McCandless) Pease, of Enfield, and a descendant of Robert Pease, who came from England to America in the ship "Francis" in 1630, and located in Salem, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are earnest members of the First Presbyterian Church, and have the respect and esteem of all who know them. Politically he is independent, supporting the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties.

SAMUEL BARR, one of the progressive farmers and tobacco growers of Suffield, was born in the town of Dromara, County Down, Ireland, July 5, 1843, and descends from a Scotch family who in troublous days were all loyal to the Crown of England.

John Barr, grandfather of Samuel, was born in Rathfryland, County Down, was a farmer, and died a member of the Presbyterian Church. His son, Andrew, was born in Rathfryland, County Down, farmed in his native county until 1862, and then moved to County Antrim, where he passed his years in farming until his death. To his marriage with Elizabeth Orr, in his native county, were born seven children: Elizabeth Jane, still in Ireland; Martha, deceased; Samuel, subject of this sketch; Margaret, married to Daniel Eagleson, a respected farmer of Suffield, who is a native of County Antrim, Ireland; John, who died at New Bedford, Mass.; Hannah G., who has been twice married; and Mary Ann, wife of Andrew Bell, of County Antrim, Ireland. The parents both died in the Presbyterian faith. The father, although loyal to the Crown of England, was a great admirer of the republican form of government.

Samuel Barr, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the national schools of Ireland, and assisted his father in farming, in both County Down and County Antrim, until 1869, when he came to the United States via Liverpool, England, landed at Boston, Mass., whence he came direct to Suffield, Conn., and here found employment at farm labor with Marvin Lewis, beginning with a debt of $50. Here he worked for nine years, never lost a day through sickness, and at the end of this time found himself possessed of some funds. In 1878 he purchased the Hastings farm, a tract of thirty-two acres near Hasting's Hill, on which he expended $4,000 in remodeling the dwelling and erecting the necessary farm buildings, and here he has ever since been engaged in the cultivation of tobacco, general farming and dairying.

On April 4, 1874, Mr. Barr married, in Suffield, Miss Sarah Jane Graham, also a native of Dromara, County Down, Ireland, and a daughter of Samuel and Harriet Graham, to which union have been born five children: Andrew Samuel and Martha, at home; William H., a student at Brown University; Joseph, a student at the Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield; and Sarah H., at school. The family are members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Barr is a Republican in politics. In his native land he was a member of the Loyal Orange Asociation. He is noted for his strict integrity, temperance and industry, and through these ad-

mirable essentials has lifted himself from comparative poverty to comparative affluence. His amiable wife, however, deserves a full share of credit for his success, as she has been, in every sense of the word, a true helpmate. Both they and their children have won the respect of the community, and they well deserve it.

MARVIN H. SANFORD (deceased). A man of keen business judgment, courageous, resourceful, untiring in energy, the subject of this sketch presented a splendid illustration of that type of manhood which by its achievements has made Connecticut famous in the development of the Nation. To his other admirable traits he added that of quick adaptability, and his versatility was a great gain to Tariffville, the community in which he lived, and the welfare of which he aided materially in advancing. He was kind and generous in disposition, quick to respond to the behests of duty and sympathy, and withal a man of superior and notable qualities and attainments. His father was Dr. George W. Sanford, one of the revered medical practitioners of Tariffville.

Joseph Sanford, the grandfather, was a native of East Granville, Mass. There he acquired the tanner's trade, and for his time carried on in that town quite an extensive business. During the war of 1812 he made a large contract to supply the government with leather, and invested a large amount of money in the purchase of hides; but at that time the process of tanning was slow, requiring a year to convert hides into leather, and the war closing before he had completed his contract he sustained a heavy financial loss. The latter years of his life were spent on a small farm near Bloomfield, Conn., purchased for him by his son, George W. Joseph Sanford was a member of the Congregational Church. He married Hopie Wilmot, a native of Northfield, Mass., and to them were born children as follows: George W., the father of our subject; Hopie, who married a Mr. Trumbull, and removed to Ohio; Hannah, who married Henry Neil, of Sherborn, Mass.; Roena, who married Reuben Barker, and removed to Michigan; Joseph, who died in infancy; Joseph D. (2), who married Mary Smith, was at one time a merchant of Tariffville, and later resided at Granby, Conn.; and a daughter who married a Mr. Botham. Joseph Sanford, the father of these children, died about 1846, and was buried at Tariffville.

Dr. George W. Sanford, the father of our subject, was born in Litchfield, Conn., Dec. 20, 1807. He received a good education, completing a course at Dr. Cooley's classical school, at East Granville, Mass., graduating in 1827, studied medicine, and several years later began its practice at Granville, Mass. In 1836 he graduated from the Medical Department of Williams College. Shortly before 1830 he located at Tariffville, where he continued in active practice for over sixty years. While on his way to Tariffville he passed through the toll-gate at North Bloomfield without paying toll. As he passed on a young lady who was attending the toll-gate rushed after him, and threatened to prosecute the young physician if he did not make the legal payment. The Doctor related the incident to a friend whom he met a little later along the road, expressed his admiration for the girl, and said he intended to make her acquaintance. She was Miss Jane Elizabeth Adams, born in Bloomfield, Conn., Sept. 11, 1813, daughter of Ambrose and Catherine (Eno) Adams. The acquaintance was made, ripened into love, and Dr. Sanford married the young lady Feb. 4, 1830.

The extended practice of Dr. Sanford at Tariffville was eminently successful, and he quickly became one of the leading citizens of the town. In 1835 he became a member of the Hartford County Medical Society, and at the time of his death was its oldest living member, was elected president of the society in 1874, and again in 1881. He was also a member of the State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, and during President Grant's administration he was sent to Washington as a delegate to the American Medical Association. He was a member of the Lyceum of Natural History of the Berkshire Medical Institute.

The latter years of Dr. Sanford's life were marked by a misfortune, which, however, did not deter him from continuing his practice. In 1885 he became totally blind. He was thrown from his carriage Feb. 21, 1883, and again on May 3, of the same year, the shock causing a congestion of the nerve of the eye, which produced blindness. Yet he continued to practice. His patients visited him, and he diagnosed many cases while blind, as his skill was most remarkable. His usefulness, however, was not limited to his profession. He was a prominent member of society, and as a public-spirited citizen accomplished great good. For many years he was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and often when the church was in debt and in great need of funds he at his own expense and inconvenience made trips and solicited funds. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. For many years he served as justice of the peace, was postmaster during the administrations of Presidents Harrison and Tyler, for fifty years was school visitor. He served in the House of Representatives three terms, in 1845, 1871 and 1875. In 1845 he was a member of the committee on Banks, and during the two later terms served on the committee on Humane Institutions. He was widely known throughout the country, and numbered among his friends many prominent men. Fraternally he was a Freemason.

The children of George W. and Jane Elizabeth (Adams) Sanford were as follows: (1) Jane Geraldine, born June 16, 1831, married Charles L. Roberts, both dying at Tariffville. (2) George

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Ambrose, born Nov. 26, 1832, died of typhoid fever at Tariffville Feb. 5, 1851. (3) Joseph Willis, born Sept. 1, 1835, is now factory foreman at Waterbury, Conn., having charge of all outside work for the Scoville Manufacturing Co. He married Emma Woodward, of Hartford, by whom he had one child, Frank Willis. She died Nov. 17, 1867, and for his second wife he wedded, Oct. 24, 1871, Susan Goodman, who bore him one daughter, Mary Ellen. (4) Marvin H., our subject, born Sept. 20, 1837, died Dec. 8, 1896. (5) James Homer, born May 8, 1840, died March 25, 1892, at Meriden, Conn., where for many years he was connected with the street department. (6) Ophelia, born April 15, 1842, died of typhoid fever Sept. 16, 1860. (7) Morton was born July 16, 1844. (8) Mary, born July 11, 1846, died Feb. 8, 1847. (9) Mary Alice, born Nov. 27, 1847, died July 11, 1848. (10) Henry W., born Feb. 4, 1850, a resident of New Haven, was for many years keeper of the almshouse there, and is now superintendent of the New Haven Ice Co. (11) George Ambrose (2), born Aug. 15, 1852, is a resident of Winsted, Conn. (12) Ellen B., born Oct. 28, 1855, died Aug. 19, 1870. The first wife of Dr. Sanford died March 9, 1872, and for his second wife he married Ada L. Eno, who now survives, a resident of New Britain. Dr. Sanford died at Tariffville Sept. 23, 1892, aged eighty-five years, and in his death the town lost one of its most valuable residents.

Marvin H. Sanford, our subject, was born at Tariffville Sept. 20, 1837. He was reared and schooled in his native town, attending besides the public educational institutions a number of private schools. As a member of a large family he was thrown largely upon his own resources, and this served to develop within him those qualities of self-reliance and determination which contributed so largely to his success. He engaged successively in various kinds of business, but the best years of his life he gave to the care of those unfortunates whom the State found it necessary to aid. For this labor he was peculiarly adapted, possessing as he did the humane sympathy and compassion so marked in the long and honorable professional career of his father. Mr. Sanford was for many years keeper of the State poor and of the poor of surrounding towns, also one of the State prison directors, and was regarded as one of the most efficient men in that line in the State. He was careful, systematic and thoroughly business-like in his methods.

Mr. Sanford was married, June 9, 1875, to Miss Katie M. Thompson, who was born March 26, 1849, in East Granby, daughter of Edward P. and Mary J. (Case) Thompson; she is now a resident of Tariffville. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanford were born two children: Marvin H., Jr., born Nov. 17, 1878, died at the age of seventeen months; and Edward T., born June 8, 1881. Mr. Sanford died Dec. 8, 1896, and was buried in Scotland Church cemetery, at North Bloomfield. In politics he was a stanch Republican, though in no sense an office seeker. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Tariffville, of which he was senior warden at the time of his death.

SAMUEL DAVID PHELPS, an old-time farmer and tobacco grower of Suffield, and a highly-respected citizen, was born in Enfield Dec. 24, 1834.

Isaac Phelps, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Westfield, Mass., and was the first of the family to settle in Connecticut. He made his home in Enfield, this county, owned extensive tracts of land, and was very prominent as a farmer and influential as a citizen. By his second wife, Rachel (Jones), was born, among other children, David Phelps, great-grandfather of Samuel David.

David Phelps was born in Enfield town, Hartford county, Aug. 25, 1716, was reared on the home farm, and settled in the village of Weymouth after reaching majority. He was the keeper of the pest house, or the house for the isolation of persons afflicted with contagious diseases, and was also a farmer of great prominence. Of old Puritan stock, he was noted for his upright character and gentlemanly demeanor; he died on his farm Jan. 13, 1803, at the age of eighty-seven years, and was interred at Enfield. To his marriage with Margaret Coulton, of Long Meadow, Mass., were born eleven children, in the following order: Eldad, Margaret, Rachel, David (died in infancy), John (died in infancy), Mary, Martha, David (grandfather of subject), John, Beulah and Christeinee. The mother of these children survived until Feb. 16, 1810.

David Phelps, son of David, and grandfather of our subject, was born in Enfield May 23, 1753, was a farmer all his life, and married, Feb. 17, 1781, Anna Pease, who was born Feb. 16, 1760. This marriage was quite prolific, children as follows being born to them: David, born Oct. 22, 1781, died in Sloansville, N. Y., March 18, 1854; he had married Polly Promley, who died Feb. 10, 1863. James, born Dec. 22, 1783, married Susan Cariew, who died Dec. 29, 1874, his own death having occurred in Sloansville Aug. 24, 1869. Jabez was born Aug. 22, 1785, and was a carpenter at Warehouse Point, Conn.; he was three times married, and died June 16, 1887. Polly was born Nov. 11, 1786, married a Mr. Crane, and died at Wilbraham, Mass. Roswell, born May 9, 1789, died in 1870, also at Wilbraham. Orris, born Aug. 24, 1791, died Nov. 13, 1799; Sylvester, born July 4, 1793, died March 16, 1861. Anna, born Feb. 25, 1795, was first married to a Mr. Pasco, and second to Levi Lord. Horace became the father of our subject. Osee was born March 9, 1799, married a Miss Pease, and died in Enfield. Abigail Pease, who was born March 2, 1801, was married to Horace Hawkins, of Enfield, and died May 12, 1851. Nelson, born Sept. 14, 1804, died at Warehouse Point, Conn. The father of this family was

a soldier of the Revolutionary war, was quite active in politics, and in promoting the interests of his town, and in church doctrines was very liberal in his interpretations.

Horace Phelps, father of subject, was born in Enfield April 23, 1797, and died March 18, 1862. He was a farmer and tobacco grower, was first a Whig in politics and later became a Republican, and was a devout member of the Congregational Church. To his marriage, May 10, 1827, with Miss Laura A. Allen, who was born in East Windsor July 16, 1804, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Allen, of English descent, there were born twelve children, as follows: Horace, born July 3, 1828, married Susan Clock, and died in Michigan. The second child was born July 17, 1829, and died in infancy. Jabez Allen, born May 26, 1830, died in Michigan Oct. 29, 1862. Charles Sylvester, born Aug. 30, 1831, wedded Martha Pasco, and died in East Windsor, Conn. Mary Ann, born March 28, 1833, is the wife of M. Bancroft, of East Windsor. Samuel David, the sixth child, is the subject of this sketch. Albert Francis, born Aug. 18, 1836, died an infant. Albert Francis, born April 19, 1838, married Ellen Eastman, of Long Meadow, and died in 1899. Laura Lucinda, born March 17, 1840, was married, March 19, 1861, to John Pease. Gilbert Wells, born Feb. 14, 1842, is a farmer of Suffield. George M., born May 25, 1843, married Minnie Parrington, of South Windsor. Emily Amelia, born Sept. 18, 1847, is married to Walter Newberry, of South Windsor. The mother of these children died in Enfield Sept. 17, 1870, a sincere and devout member of the Congregational Church, and beloved by all who knew her.

Samuel David Phelps, whose name opens this biographical notice, was educated in a district school, but by observation has greatly augmented his knowledge of men, of the world, and of nature, and has well qualified himself for the eminent position he now occupies among his fellow citizens. Until he reached his majority he remained on the homestead with his father, and then came to Suffield and farmed until his father's decease. He then returned to the homestead and filially cared for his mother until she was called away, and after cultivating the farm until 1873 he came back to Suffield and settled on the farm of Z. Parmalee (his father-in-law), to which he added thirty acres, and on which he has made many substantial improvements.

The marriage of Mr. Phelps took place March 19, 1861, in Suffield, to Miss Mary E. Parmalee, daughter of Zina and Jemima (Bronson) Parmalee, the former of whom was a carpenter as well as a farmer, and one of the best-known citizens of the neighborhood. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, the eldest of whom, J. Estella, passed away at the age of eleven years. James D. F. is the manager of Bidwell's hardware store, at Windsor Locks; he is married to Clara Cline, but has no children; in politics he is a Republican. George S. is still on the homestead, is unmarried; in politics he is also a Republican. Mary, the fourth child, died in infancy. Burton H. is manager of Bidwell's lumber yard at Windsor Locks.

In politics Samuel D. Phelps is a stanch Republican, but has never sought public office, although he works effectually for the interests of his party. In his views on religious matters he is very liberal, but no more moral man lives in the town of Suffield. Fraternally he is a member of the O. U. A. M. He is strictly a self-made man, and through his individual industry and good management has secured a competency that commands for him a position among the solid men of the town and county.

W. M. LOVELL, a farmer and dairyman of the town of Windsor, was born in Rockville, Conn., Jan. 31, 1854, and is a son of W. A. Lovell, a native of Millbury, Mass., who at different times was superintendent of the Rock, American and Windermere Mills, at Rockville. The grandfather, Ezra Lovell, engaged in school teaching the greater part of his life, and at one time was also a merchant.

During the childhood of our subject his father removed to Windsor and accepted the superintendency of the Windsor Mills, but in 1860 went to near Dover, Penn., as superintendent of a mill at that place. Later he returned to Millbury, Mass., from there went to Westerly, R. I., where he had charge of the mills of Babcock & Morse, and on leaving their employ spent a short time in Laconia, N. H. On again going to Millbury, Mass., he severed his connection with the milling business, with which he had so long been connected as superintendent. He received calls from various parts of the country to start new mills, to do which successfully required great skill and a thorough knowledge of the business. He became well acquainted with dry-goods men in New York and Boston, and by them was tendered high salaries to establish mills in different parts of the United States. Seldom, if ever, did the mills under his direction prove unprofitable. Coming to Windsor in 1872, he purchased a small piece of land, on which he is now living. In Millbury, Mass., he married Miss Mary A. Mallalieu, a native of that place, and a daughter of John Mallalieu, a pioneer manufacturer of cotton cloth in Massachusetts or, in fact, New England. She was a sister of Bishop Mallalieu, who, in searching the history of the family in his travels finds them to be of French Huguenot extraction. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lovell were as follows: Louisa, now the wife of Dr. S. A. Wilson, of Windsor; Alvira, wife of M. B. Belden, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; George, a wool sorter by trade; Edward J., a resident of Brooklyn; W. M., our subject; Charles F., a resident of Windsor; Emma A., wife of C. T. Welch, of Windsor; and George,

Emma and Frederick, who all died young. The mother departed this life May 1, 1897; the father, who was born in November, 1815, is still living, honored and respected by all who know him. In politics he is a Republican.

W. M. Lovell, whose name introduces this sketch, received the greater part of his education at Millsbury, Mass., where he attended the high school. During his boyhood he spent much of his time around the mills of which his father had charge, and quite frequently worked in the same. He often spent the summer months at the home of his brother-in-law, Jasper Morgan, in Windsor, and during his 'teens worked for him. In 1880 he went to New York, and entered the employ of another brother-in-law, Mr. Belden, who was engaged in the wholesale paper business. Two years later he returned to Windsor, and in December, 1882, bought his present place, known as the Capt. James Loomis farm. It was once a large farm, but part of it has since been sold. Here Mr. Lovell is now engaged in the raising of tobacco and in the dairy business. He was one of the original stockholders of the Windsor Creamery Co., and was also a stockholder of the Windsor Canning Factory when it was owned by a stock company.

On April 25, 1880, Mr. Lovell married Miss Emma A. Briggs, who was born at White Pigeon, Mich., Jan. 31, 1853, a daughter of Henry S. and Elmyra (Fay) Briggs, natives of Boston and Ware, Mass., respectively. The father was born in February, 1826, and from Springfield, Mass., removed to Michigan, where he served as conductor on the Southern Michigan railroad for some years. Later he went to Terre Haute, Ind., where he spent eleven years in the machine shops, and then returned to Springfield, Mass. About 1864 he came to Hartford, and for some time was engaged in the restaurant business on Main street, between Pratt and Church streets, conducting a very popular resort and one of the largest businesses of the kind in the city up to that time. He now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Lovell; his wife died at the age of fifty-two years. In their famly were two children, the younger being Otis H., now superintendent of a paper-mill at Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Lovell is a graduate of the Hartford Public High School. They have a family of four children: Edith F., born June 21, 1881; Fay M., July 17, 1883; Arthur W., March 12, 1889; and Jarvis B., June 9, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell are both faithful members of the Congregational Church at Windsor, and are well-known and highly respected. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

ORLANDO LEWIS DART. To a student of human nature there is nothing of greater interest than the study of the career of a self-made man, and the analysis of the principles and methods which have enabled him to distance others who have had a more advantageous start. In the biography of this well-known merchant of Suffield there is much to instruct as well as interest, and any ambitious youth might find, "between the lines," a helpful object lesson.

Mr. Dart was born Dec. 7, 1857, in Somers, Conn., and comes of good old Connecticut stock, his ancestors having settled in New London county at an early date. Levi Dart, his father, was born in Springfield, Mass., and is now living retired in Suffield, at the advanced age of seventy-seven. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Ferry, is a native of Stafford, Conn., and has also reached the allotted limit of three score and ten, but both are hale and hearty, being still actively interested in their accustomed work and in the progressive movements of their town, where they are held in high esteem. They have had four children, of whom our subject is the only survivor: (1) Susan died at the age of sixteen. (2) Lovillo married Miss Angie Latham, of Northfield, Vt., and died in Somers, leaving two daughters, Grace A. and Clara L., both now employed in business houses in Suffield. (3) Orlando L. is the next in order of birth. (4) Lizzie died at Somers in November, 1898, unmarried.

As a boy Orlando L. Dart attended the district schools of Somers, and spent one term at Wilbraham College, but the work of the homestead occupied much of his time until he was twenty-one. Farm life was not to his liking, and for years he cherished the determination to enter mercantile business as soon as his majority was reached. Accordingly he secured a position as clerk in the store of W. P. Fuller, of Somers, with whom he remained four years, and he then engaged in business on his own account, purchasing a store in Somerville from C. W. Wright. After a year and five months the store was burned, causing him quite a loss, but Mr. Dart was not discouraged and in two weeks had completed arrangements for buying out his former competitor, W. E. Dow, who conducted a general store in the village. On taking charge, Mr. Dart added a meat market to the other lines, and after three years he sold out all but the meat business, which he continued one year. In 1887 he removed to Suffield, becoming a member of the firm of Dart & Standish, successors to H. D. Sackett. Not long afterward the stock of E. H. Hamblin was purchased by his firm, and that of Mather & Rogers, and when the latter firm went out of business Mr. Dart bought H. D. Austin's share in their stock, thus enlarging his own considerably. On Sept. 11, 1894, Mr. Dart became sole owner of the business, which has steadily increased under his able management. His patrons include the best families of Suffield, and his strict honesty has won him the respect and confidence of the community, while his genial disposition and unvarying courtesy have gained him a host of friends. While he has always been a strong Republican, he refuses to become a candidate for any

office, and when elected constable in Suffield he declined to qualify. Socially he and his wife are prominent, and he is identified with Gideon Granger Lodge, No. 62, Knights of Pythias, and Lyman Council, No. 35, O. U. A. M., at Suffield, both of which he helped to organize.

On June 18, 1883, Mr. Dart married Miss Ella Pease, daughter of Cyrus and Maria (Loomis) Pease, highly-respected residents of Lebanon, Conn. Two children have blessed this union: Alson, who died at the age of eleven years; and Rena E. still living.

JOSEPH G. THRALL, a son of Horace and Eliza (Wilson) Thrall, whose sketch appears elsewhere, is one of a large family of boys, all born and reared on the old homestead on the banks of the river in the town of Windsor. He was born Sept. 14, 1831, and is the eldest now living. He is one of the best known citizens of the town where his entire life has been passed, and "Joe" Thrall, as he is known by almost every man, woman and child in his community, is the type of a man whose value and worth is easier estimated after he is gone—a man whose generosity and kindness has never allowed him to turn a man from his door hungry or cold. The old-fashioned country boy has become a man of no little general information, the result of reading and observation, is unostentatious in manner to an unusual degree, and is well known and highly respected. He does not condemn any man who differs with him in opinion, but admires the one who has an opinion of his own with a reason for it.

Mr. Thrall acquired his education in the brick school house in District No. 7, town of Windsor, and among his first teachers was Eunice Phelps. He was reared as a farmer boy, and after the death of his father he and four brothers took charge of the old homestead, which they operated together until they were married. In 1879 our subject wedded Miss Vesta E. Bartlett, a native of Cummington, Mass., and a daughter of Ephraim Bartlett, who died when she was quite young. After his death she lived in Hartford, Conn., and for several years successfully engaged in teaching school in Windsor and elsewhere in Hartford county. She is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, is cultured and refined, has served as a member of the school board, and is highly esteemed by her acquaintances and friends. She is sixth in the order of birth in a family of eight, children, as follows: Rhoda; Aroline; Lucius, a bookkeeper in Wethersfield, Conn.; Ermina D., the widow of Joseph Suhanek, late of Hartford; Alice, the widow of Edwin Burdick, and living near Boston, Mass.; Vesta E. (Mrs. Thrall); Eliza; and Flora, wife of Arthur Ulrich, of Hartford, three of whom have passed away, Rhoda, Aroline and Eliza. The mother of these children bore the maiden name of Salome Tower. Mr. and Mrs. Thrall have two children: Oliver J. and Alice M.

In 1879 Mr. Thrall purchased his present home in the town of Windsor, and removed there a few months after his marriage, since which time he has given his attention to the cultivation and improvement of the place. In politics he is a silver Democrat, and though not an office seeker takes a deep interest in the success of his party. He is a Spiritualist, and his religious views are the result of many years of study and reading. He gives liberally to all charitable enterprises, and endeavors to treat his fellow men as he would have them treat him. He has not made the accumulation of property his sole ambition, but takes life easily and has traveled considerably over the United States.

ABEL C. ADAMS (deceased) was in his lifetime a leading citizen of Tariffville, town of Simsbury, where for generations the Adams family have been very prominent.

Mr. Adams was born Nov. 4, 1823, at the corner of Main and Winthrop streets, in the village above named, and was a son of Abel Adams, and a grandson of Abel Adams, who enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary war, at the age of nineteen, May 9, 1775. Our subject's father was the owner of extensive tracts of land. He married Vashti Griswold, and they had three sons and two daughters: James, Thomas, Abel C., Charlotte and Caroline. The elder daughter lived to adult years, but died unmarried, and the younger died soon after her marriage. James, the eldest son, married Abbie Blakesley, was for years a merchant in Tariffville, and at his death left five children, James G., Albert E., Charles A., Lottie H. and Frederick C. These children were reared to maturity by Abel C. Adams, the subject of this sketch, although the father left considerable property. Thomas, the second son of Abel, married Caroline Hoskins; he also was a merchant, later a farmer, and acquired a comfortable competence; he died in Tariffville, and his widow now resides in Windsor. Abel Adams, the father, was a merchant at Tariffville, and trained his three sons in the same vocation. He lived to be over seventy years of age, and died in the Episcopal faith; his wife preceded him to the grave, and the remains of both now rest in the Scotland cemetery.

Abel C. Adams attended the schools of his native town, and later the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and then entered his father's store. However, he preferred farming, and was still a young man when he entered upon this calling, although he did not himself do any manual labor.

On April 29, 1858, Mr. Adams married, in Granby, Miss Martha Moore, who was born in that town March 25, 1836, a daughter of Horace and Polly (Reed) Moore. Horace Moore was born in Southwick, Mass., April 23, 1792, a son of Horace and Sarah (Nate) Moore, and his wife was born in Granby, Conn., March 23, 1805, a daughter of Martin and Bernice (Kendall) Reed. Horace Moore, father of Mrs. Martha Adams, was a fine

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scholar, and taught school successfully for a number of years during the winter season; in summer he peddled Yankee notions, whips, cigars, etc., and was a pioneer peddler through the West, although he had a broken leg and only twenty-five cents in cash at the age of twenty-one years. After marriage he settled at Granby and engaged in farming, of which he made as fine a success as he had in peddling. He erected many fine buildings, and his dwelling was one of the best in Granby. He lived to be seventy-five years of age, and his wife to be seventy-one. Their children were named as follows: Ezra died at the age of two years; Mary died at four; Martha is now Mrs. Adams; Henry W. died in 1858; and Mary (2) died in 1867. Of this family, Mrs. Adams was the only one to reach adult years. Although her father was one of eight children, not one of these is now living, and as Mrs. Adams' cousins, Homer P. and Birney J. Moore, of California, have no children, the name will go out with them.

Mrs. Martha Adams was educated at the Connecticut Literary Institute, in Suffield, and later graduated from the New Britain Normal School. At the age of sixteen she taught school at Southwick, Mass., receiving two dollars per week and "boarding around;" she later taught the North school, at Hartford, and was teaching at Tariffville when she met her late husband.

In politics Mr. Adams was a strong Republican, and he held various town offices, besides serving several years as deputy sheriff, under High Sheriff Lewis Goodrich, of Simsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had a family of five children: Henry, born April 18, 1859, is a druggist in Spring Hill, Kan.; Horace M., born Sept. 6, 1861, was traveling auditor for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe eating-houses from Kansas City to Los Angeles for fifteen years, and is now in business in Tariffville; Martha V., born Jan. 14, 1865, is the wife of Dr. C. M. Wooster, of Tariffville; Abel C., born June 24, 1869, is a druggist at Unionville, Conn.; and Frank E., born Oct. 17, 1872, is also a druggist at Unionville. The sons are well-to-do business men, and give evidence of having been carefully reared and well-taught.

Mrs. Adams, since the death of her husband, in 1877, has resided in the house which was his home from the age of six years. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is active in its work, doing good wherever and whenever she can. She is also a member of the King's Daughters, and is one of the most highly esteemed ladies in her town.

OLIVER WOLCOTT KELLOGG, a highly-respected farmer and tobacco grower of East street, Suffield, was born in West Suffield, Conn., April 8, 1855, is a descendant of one of the oldest Puritan families of New England, and traces his ancestry in this country to three brothers of Scottish origin, but of English birth, who came from England to this country in 1640, and were known as Lieut. Joseph Kellogg, of Hadley, Mass.; Samuel Kellogg, of Hatfield, Mass.; and Daniel Kellogg, of Norwalk, Conn. From an old will on file in the State Library at Hartford, Conn., dated June 4, 1657, the following extract is made: "All my houses and lands in Farmington I give to John Kellogg and two sisters, Jane and Kate, in Old England," a palpable evidence of the antiquity of the American family.

Some of the earlier Kelloggs were deacons in the Congregational Church, some were selectmen, and some were officers in the army of the King. Samuel Kellogg, of Hatfield, married, Nov. 24, 1664, Sarah, widow of Nathaniel Gunn, and daughter of Robert Day, of Hartford, Conn. Their children were born as follows: Samuel, April 11, 1669; Nathaniel, June 4, 1671; Ebenezer, June 7, 1674; and Joseph, Sept. 19, 1676. On Sept. 19, 1677, Mrs. Kellogg and her infant son Joseph were slain by the Indians, and March 20, 1679, Mr. Kellogg married Sarah Root, of Westfield, Mass. Their children were John, born April 25, 1680, died in Hatfield; Thomas, born Oct. 1, 1681, died about 1757; and Sarah, born April 14, 1684, was married to Abraham Morton, of Hatfield, May 8, 1701. Samuel Kellogg, the father, died July 17, 1751.

Samuel Kellogg (2), born in Hatfield, April 11, 1669, married Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel Dickinson, Jr., and about 1702 removed to Colchester, Conn., where he died in 1708; his wife died Aug. 3, 1745, leaving four children: Samuel, born May 18, 1694; Joseph, born June 18, 1696; Hannah, born Sept. 11, 1699; and Eunice, born Aug. 3, 1701.

Deacon Joseph Kellogg, second child born to Samuel Kellogg (2), was married, at Colchester, to Abigail Miller, Oct. 23, 1717. It is recorded that he sold his right in his father's Hatfield estate to his brother Samuel, Feb. 28, 1722, for fourteen pounds sterling. From Colchester Deacon Joseph removed to Hebron, about 1729, and from Hebron to Marlboro, in Hartford county, where he died. His children were named Joseph, Daniel, Mercy, Moses, Elijah, Ezekiel, Abigail, Samuel and Benjamin.

Ezekiel Kellogg, sixth child of Deacon Joseph Kellogg, was born Nov. 12, 1732, and married Ann Owen July 2, 1758 .In Granby is recorded a deed given by Elijah Messenger to Ezekiel Kellogg, Sept. 21, 1770, in the ninth year of the reign of King George III. The following named children were born to the marriage of Ezekiel and Ann Kellogg: Lydia, born in Hebron, Nov. 24, 1759, died in East Hartford, July 4, 1836; Oliver, born in Marlboro, Nov. 30, 1761; Rachel, born in East Hartland Jan. 10, 1763; Ann, born Jan. 23, 1766; and Ezekiel, born June 14, 1773. The mother of these died in Hartland, June 21, 1773, seven days after the birth of the youngest child. The father was admitted to the communion of the Congre-

gational Church Nov. 14, 1773; he died in Hartland, of smallpox, June 10, 1785. He was possessed of considerable poetic ability, was the author of a work on the Revolutionary war, and some of his productions are still in the possession of the Kellogg family.

Ezekiel Kellogg, youngest son of Ezekiel, mentioned above, was born in Hartland, June 14, 1773, and married Luna Clark Dec. 8, 1796. He was a farmer, and died in Southwick, Mass., Nov. 18, 1828. His children were as follows: Friend, born June 19, 1797, died April 2, 1839; Polly, born Nov. 1, 1799, died May 17, 1804; Harvey, born May 17, 1801, died July 22, 1876; Eliza, born Aug. 9, 1802, married Justus Kent, and died July 5, 1830; William, born April 12, 1804, died in Georgia, Oct. 13, 1827; Wilson, twin of William, died May 24, 1871; Lewis, born July 4, 1806, died Aug. 2, 1821; Anna, born July 18, 1808, married Shepherd Eaton, and died near Painesville, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1836; Edwin, born Aug. 23, 1810, died Sept. 30, 1828; Lyman, born Feb. 5, 1813, died in Virginia, Jan. 17, 1898; Mary, born Feb. 28, 1815, married George Townsend, of Ohio, and died near Warren, that State; and Oliver W., father of our subject, was born July 9, 1817. Mrs. Luna (Clark) Kellogg married for her second husband Augustus Collins, of Granville, and there passed the remainder of her life, dying Oct. 23, 1842.

Oliver Wolcott Kellogg was educated in the common schools of Southwick, Mass., whence he went to Manlius, N. Y., and later to Geneva, there attending a course of lectures in medicine. Returning to Manlius, he remained one year, and then entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated at the age of twenty-five years. He began practice in West Suffield, Conn., in 1842, continuing there for seventeen years, and also engaged in farming. In 1859 he removed to Suffield Center and practiced until 1864, at which time he moved to Ellington, Conn., where he bought a farm on which he resided two years, and then returning to Suffield bought the Rising home, resumed practice, and here died Dec. 12, 1891, after fifty years of professional work.

In politics he was first a Republican, but later became a Prohibitionist, was very active in the cause, and was nominated by the Prohibition party as its candidate for the State Senate from the third district. He served as a member of the school committee, as superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-school in Suffield and West Suffield, and as deacon of the church in West Suffield, and was one of the most useful and respected residents of Suffield. Dr. Kellogg was married in Southwick, Mass. to Miss Eliza Smith Fletcher, a native of New Ipswich, N. H., and a daughter of Rev. Thomas and Elizabeth (Pratt) Fletcher, the former a Presbyterian divine; her grandfather and great-grandfather were also named Thomas; the latter was a soldier under King George. Rev. Thomas Fletcher died in Southwick, Mass., and his widow at the home of her son in Westfield, Hampden Co., Mass., in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Eleanor Read, the eldest daughter, was married to Dr. John Scoville, of Cornwall, Conn., and both died in Sheffield, Mass.; William Otis was a banker in Westfield, Mass.; Harriett Newell, who lives in Westfield, is the wife of Lewis R. Norton, president of the Hampden Bank; Dwight died young; Eliza Smith is the mother of our subject. The children born to the marriage of Dr. Oliver W. Kellogg were named as follows: Mary Eveline died when nine years old; Thomas Fletcher died at the age of four years; Eliza Harriet died when sixteen months old; Harriet Maria died at the age of five years; Oliver W. is our subject; and Eliza Fletcher lives in Suffield, caring for her mother, who has reached the ripe age of eighty-four years.

Oliver W. Kellogg, our subject, graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute, and early began work on his father's farm in West Suffield; he removed with his parents to Ellington, but returning to Suffield worked one year in Luce's (now Clark's) grist-mill. He next moved to Feather street (now East), and in 1892 purchased the Kinney farm, of sixty acres, on which he has made very extensive and valuable improvements, and has successfully cultivated tobacco, etc.

Mr. Kellogg was united in marriage, Jan. 1, 1879, with Miss Libbie Chapell, who was born in Washington, Mass., a daughter of Amos and Maria G. (Bottum) Chapell. Peter Chapell, grandfather of Mrs. Kellogg, married Miss Rhoda Lee Congdon, who was born in New London, Conn., and to this union were born twelve children: James, who died in 1896; Mary Ann, who died at the age of eighteen years; Rhoda, who married Lorenzo Webb; Eliza, who was married to Nelson Stewart, but is now deceased; Rachel, who married Francis W. Joy, of Plainfield, Mass.; Melissa, wife of Justin Ferguson, of Hinsdale, Mass.; Amos, father of Mrs. Kellogg; Enoch, deceased; Sarah D., widow of Ebenezer Ballentine, anl living in Hartford, Conn.; Harriett E., deceased wife of William Ballentine, of Springfield, Mass.; William, who died in infancy; and Wilson, also deceased.

Amos Chapell, father of Mrs. Kellogg, was born June 19, 1825, married Miss Maria G. Bottum in September, 1855, and in 1867 came from Washington, Mass., to Suffield, and bought the H. K. Granger farm. They have had two children: Libbie, Mrs. Kellogg; and Willis Lincoln, a druggist of Hinsdale, Mass. Amos Chapell was first a Democrat in politics, but since the Civil war has supported the Republican party. He and his genial wife are now residing in retirement in Suffield. To Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kellogg has come one child, Lawrence Chapell, born in 1886, who is a bright lad.

Mr. Kellogg is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and for

four years was church librarian. He is a genial and agreeable gentleman, is very popular, and with his wife stands very high in the esteem of the community.

FREDERICK GEORGE GODDARD, a well-known farmer and tobacco grower of the town of East Granby, belongs to that class of citizens who started out in life with naught but an abundance of determination and indefatigable industry, and who have succeeded through their own diligence, energy and economy. He was born Oct. 16, 1851, in that town, when it still formed a part of the town of Granby. His grandfather, Datus Goddard, was a native of Bushy Hill, town of Granby, and as a farmer spent his entire life in that town. He was a Democrat in politics, and was well-known and highly respected. He married a Miss Case, and to them were born five children: Newell, Byron, Watson, George D. and Almira.

George D. Goddard, father of Frederick G., was a native of the town of Granby, and received a common-school education. Throughout his active business life he worked as a farm laborer, and he spent his last days with his son Frederick, who provided for him in his old age. He died at the home of his son Frederick on Nov. 27, 1893, and was buried in East Granby. His political support was always given to the Democracy. In early life he married Miss Mary Clark, of New London, Conn., by whom he had five children: Elizabeth, now the widow of Henry Griswold; William, who died near New Milford, Conn.; Frederick G.; Albert; and Jesse. The mother, who was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, passed away in 1862, and was laid to rest in East Granby cemetery.

Frederick G. Goddard, whose name opens this sketch, was only eleven years old when he lost his mother, and the following year he commenced to earn his own livelihood, working as a farm hand for small wages. His school privileges were necessarily limited, though he attended the common schools for a short time. He continued to work for others for twenty-six years, during which time, by his thrift and industrious habits, he managed to save about $3,300, which, in 1890, he invested in sixty-eight acres of land, known as the Talbott farm. Here he has since resided, and has devoted his time and attention to tobacco raising and general farming, meeting with a fair degree of success in his labors.

On April 22, 1890, in Simsbury, Mr. Goddard was united in marriage with Miss Emma M. Nye, a native of Blandford, Mass., and a daughter of Welcome and Margaret (Fair) Nye, who are still living. Two children have come of this union: Howard W., born Jan. 17, 1892, and Freda O., born Jan. 28, 1894, both now in school. The family attend the Congregational Church, and Mr. Goddard is identified with the Democratic party. His wife is a lady of marked ability, well educated and refined, and belongs to an old and highly-respected family. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, Mr. Goddard has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, and his friends are many throughout Hartford county.

GEORGE REMINGTON. Scientists tell us that energetic and well-directed toil is conducive to health and long life, and in the career of this highly-esteemed resident of Suffield we find an illustration of the theory. Beginning life a poor boy, he passed through years of hard work before he gained his present handsome competence, and yet, at the advanced age of seventy-eight, he is as strong as many men of fewer years.

Mr. Remington comes of a good old family, and is now the only representative of his generation in the town. Stephen Remington, his grandfather, who was a resident of Suffield, had two sons, one of whom went West, his descendants being now scattered.

Stephen Remington (2), our subject's father, was a farmer at Hasting's Hill, in the town of Suffield, and, as he started in life on his own resources and was disabled for some years previous to his death, he was not very successful financially. He died in 1827, at the age of fifty-one. In early manhood he married Miss Chloe Gillett, a native of Granville, Conn., who died in 1824, aged forty-seven. She was a most estimable woman, industrious and faithful to her sense of duty, and during the long illness of her husband the care of the family and management of affairs devolved chiefly upon her. The labor-saving methods and appliances of the present day were unknown, and she did the family washing at a stream near the old home. Of the twelve children none are now living except our subject. (1) The eldest, Myron, went West soon after his marriage, but returned to Suffield, where he died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving seven children, one of whom was in the Civil war. (2) Albert engaged in farming in early life, but his health failed, and he settled in Springfield, Mass., where he died aged seventy-four. He married Emeline Morley, of Agawam, Mass., who died aged sixty-five, and they had six children: Margaret E., a resident of Suffield; Julia, who lived only six weeks; Robert A., who enlisted during the Civil war in the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry, and was starved to death while a prisoner at Andersonville; Henry W., a hotel clerk at Boston, Mass., and a hotel keeper at Newark, N. J., who died Dec. 25, 1870; M. Jennie, who married E. Pember, and died in Plainville, Conn.; and Sarah Grafton Reed, who died in January, 1879, unmarried. (3) Almon, twin of Albert, died in Suffield, aged thirty-six years, leaving five children. (4) Ann married Elihu S. Taylor, of Suffield, and had three children. (5) Sibyl married John Fuller, of Suffield. (6) Amy married Norman Hastings, of Suffield, and had seven children. (7) Jane

married Nathaniel Curtis, of Suffield, and had five children, one of whom served in the Civil war. (8) Marietta never married. (9) Stephen, who was a wheelwright at Suffield, had four children, one of whom served in the Civil war. (10) Thomas, who was a farmer in the town of Suffield, had two children. (11) George is mentioned more fully below. (12) Chloe married Norman Adams, of Suffield, and had six children.

George Remington was born March 15, 1821, at the old home on Hasting's Hill, and was but six years old when his father died. His attendance at the local schools was limited, as there was much work to do at home, and all the children began to earn money as soon as possible to help support the family, the girls doing spinning for neighbors at seventy-five cents per week. The homestead was taken by Almon Remington, who purchased a quit claim from the other heirs as they came of age, paying one hundred dollars to each one. Our subject remained at the farm until he was about seventeen and a half years old, when he spent six months with John Rice, a farmer, receiving eight dollars per month, with a bonus of three dollars for being steady. In the fall of 1838 he went to Northampton, Mass., to learn the blacksmith's trade, with the understanding that he would receive thirty dollars the first year, thirty-five dollars the second, forty dollars the third, and forty-five dollars the next six months. After one year and two months he left the place, and never had a penny for his hard work. Returning to Suffield, he "did chores" for his board from January till April 1, 1840, and then entered upon a two-years' apprenticeship to Francis Nichols, a blacksmith, at fifty dollars per year. At the expiration of his term he was employed at $200 per year for three years, and later worked for a few months for Eliphalet Moran, whose shop stood just south of our subject's present home. Having determined to engage in business on his own account he rented this shop, and three years later bought it, with a house and lot north of it, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Remington was known as a skilled workman, and for many years his trade kept him working early and late. In one week he shod several oxen and as many as ninety horses, pointing all the nails, and filled numerous small orders for repairs or general blacksmithing. His constitution was strong and his body, while never fleshy, was wiry and muscular, giving him great endurance. About the time of the breaking out of the Civil war his health began to fail, and for two years he worked as a farm hand in order to recuperate. For the next five years he had charge of the Hathaway farm, and since giving up that position he has lived in comparative retirement, although the care of his real-estate holdings and making of private loans on securities occupies some of his time. At present he is a director in the Suffield National Bank, and his wealth and reputation for sagacity in financial affairs make him one of the substantial citizens of the town. Politically he was a Democrat until 1896, when his opinions on the currency question led him to vote for McKinley. He has never sought political office, but has not shirked the duty of a good citizen, and when the new school house was built in Suffield he served as chairman of the building committee. He and his estimable wife are leading members of the Baptist Church, and for ten years he was chairman of the committee of that Society.

On May 30, 1849, Mr. Remington was married in Suffield, to Miss Eliza A. Fuller, who was born June 25, 1830, a daughter of George and Eliza (Fuller) Fuller, prominent residents of that town. Her education was obtained in the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and in the schools of East Hampton and Westfield, Mass., and she is exceptionally cultured and intelligent. She was one of of a family of five children, of whom three lived to maturity: Mary E., a resident of Warehouse Point; Eliza A., Mrs. Remington; and George H.

EDWARD GUSTAVUS NEALE (deceased), for many years a leading contractor of Southington, was prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of that town. Some time ago he laid aside all business cares to spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil, and he entered into eternal rest April 20, 1900.

Mr. Neale was born in Southington Jan. 24, 1825, a son of Joseph and Hester B. (Moulthrop) Neale, who were married Oct. 20, 1812, and had four children: Charles E., Orsephus Billings, Sarah M. and Edward G. For his second wife the father married Matilda Barnes, of Berlin, by whom he had one daughter, Caroline, now the wife of Edward Miller, of Meriden, Conn. Joseph Neale was born in Southington Nov. 10, 1784, son of Elijah and Silence Neale, of that town, and died Oct. 28, 1834.

The boyhood and youth of Edward G. Neale were passed in Southington, where he attended the common schools and served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years to the carpenter's trade with De Witt Upson, of the Marion District. He then followed that occupation until 1889 as an extensive contractor and builder, erecting many of the principal residences in Southington and vicinity, among which we may mention: 1847, Baptist church, Springfield, Mass.; 1848, with Samuel Woodruff, another contractor, Lewis Academy, Southington; 1850, North End school house, Southington; 1851, Ira B. Andrews house, Marion, Conn.; 1850-51, O. B. Neale house, Marion; 1852, Lester Smith (now O. N. Lamson) house, Berlin avenue; 1854, Bennet Lewis house, Marion; 1855, William Smith house, Plantsville; 1855, Selah Thorp saw-mill, Mt. Vernon, Conn.; 1856, William Churchill house, Center street; 1856, John White house, Plantsville; 1857, three houses for D. Ruggles, Milldale; 1858,

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Ira Frost house, Marion; 1859, Stephen Pratt house, Berlin avenue; 1868, John Gridley house (now Mrs. F. L. Stevens), Meriden avenue; 1869, Edward G. Neale tenement house, Academy Hill; 1869, Dennis Bristol house, Bristol street; 1870, E. C. Stillman house, Academy Hill; 1871-72, Edward G. Neale's late home, Academy Hill; 1871-72, Walter S. Atwood house, Milldale; 1871, Edwin Dickerman house, Dickerman Corners; 1873, three houses for the Cutlery Co., Oak Hill Summit; 1873, Enoch Nichols jewelry store and house, Main street; 1873, Horatio Dunham house and barn, Shuttle Meadow; 1873, Edward G. Neale house, Oak street, Southington; 1873, Abigail Beach house, Berlin avenue; 1874, Leonard Beecher (now S. F. Guernsey) house, Main street; 1884, L. D. Frost (now Howard Williams) house, Main street; the William Wightman and the Stacy houses, on Wolf Hill; and many others. In 1889 Mr. Neale entered his son's store, and remained there for five years, but at the end of that period he laid aside all business cares, and lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest.

On July 29, 1847, Mr. Neale married Miss Rhoda S. Pratt, who was born Aug. 14, 1828, a daughter of Col. Seth and Abigail L. (Smith) Pratt, of Southington, and a granddaughter of Deacon Eli and Abigail (Hitchcock) Pratt. To this marriage was born one son, Charles Edward, who is mentioned below. Mr. Neale was a consistent member of the First Congregational Church, to which his widow also belongs, and took an active interest in its work, while he served as deacon for several years. He and Deacon Miles H. Upson, of Southington, supported the Marion Sunday-school for years, having founded the first Sunday-school there. Politically he was indentified with the Republican party, and held the offices of grand juror and member of the school committee. After an honorable and useful career, he could well afford to lay aside all business cares and live in ease and retirement, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Charles Edward Neale, the only child of Edward G. and Rhoda S. (Pratt) Neale, was born in Plainville May 9, 1849, and was educated in the common schools, the Lewis high school, and Wells Business College, New Haven. He began life for himself as a school teacher, and successfully followed that vocation for two years in Southington and vicinity, also for one year in Meriden. He then engaged in clerking in J. H. Elliott's general store at Plantsville for one year, and for a like period was with J. F. Pratt, of Southington, with whom he entered into partnership in general merchandising in 1876, this connection existing three years. Mr. Pratt then sold his interest to S. F. Guernsey, and the business has been conducted under the firm name of Neale & Guernsey up to the present time. They are among the most prominent and leading merchants of Southington, and enjoy an excellent trade.

On Dec. 26, 1885, Mr. Neale was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie A. Lord, daughter of Charles and Julina (Maynard) Lord, of Southington, and of the children born to them four are living: Charles Edward, Jr., Alma, Margery and Harold. Mr. Neale is one of the solid and reliable business men of Southington, is a genial and courteous gentleman, and is held in high regard by all who know him. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church; politically he is a stanch Republican.

JAMES ROLAND HAYES, senior member of the firm of J. R. Hayes & Son, undertakers, general farmers and tobacco growers of North Granby, was born there Nov. 4, 1821, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the town of Granby, the name being inseparably connected with the history of Hartford county for over two hundred years. In the family have been many men of prominence in business, professional and public life, including President Hayes.

Obediah Hayes, the grandfather of our subject, was born June 14, 1754, in Simsbury (now North Granby), and was a son of Daniel Hayes (2). Throughout life he engaged in agricultural pursuits there, and also conducted a hotel in a house still standing, which was erected by him over 130 years ago. He was widely and favorably known, and served as school commissinoer in his district in 1795. On Sept. 25, 1780, he married Miss Ahinoam Holcomb, who was born March 18, 1757, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Griffin) Holcomb. Her father was a grandson of Thomas Holcomb, the progenitor of the family in America. Eleven children were born of this union: Obediah was born Sept. 24, 1781; Ahinoam, born Sept. 29, 1782, was married in 1809 to Oliver Coe, and died in New York, June 12, 1867; Cephas was born Sept. 19, 1785; Amherst was born March 3, 1788; Bethsheba, born June 6, 1790, married Adijah Dibble; Chester was born March 12, 1792; Roland, born May 3, 1794, was the father of our subject; Harvey was born May 23, 1797; Gordon was born April 24, 1798; Nancy, born Aug. 24, 1800, died in 1882; and Homer was born Feb. 7, 1803. The father of these children died May 23, 1817, and the mother, who was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, departed this life Sept. 10, 1844, the remains of both being interred in North Granby cemetery.

Roland Hayes, our subject's father, was born on the old home farm in the town of Granby, May 3, 1794, and received only a common-school education. For many years he worked in the foundry of Stephen W. Cornwall, as a brass molder, and then engaged in farming upon a tract of sixty acres of land, but a few years prior to his death he removed to Southington, Conn., where he lived retired until called from this life, May 18, 1877, his remains being interred there. During the war of 1812 he was drafted, but hostilities ceased before he was called into service. For some time he was captain

of a local company in the volunteer militia, and was always known as Capt. Hayes. In political sentiment he was a Whig, and in his religious views was liberal, but he and his family attended the Congregational Church and contributed to its support. On Aug. 27, 1817, he married Miss Patience Barnes, who was born April 14, 1797, a daughter of Thomas and Phœbe Barnes. She died in Southington, Aug. 16, 1870, and was also buried in the cemetery there. Seven children constituted the family: Sophia, born May 9, 1820, married James Goddard, and both are now deceased; James R., our subject, is next in the order of birth; Caroline E., born Aug. 24, 1825, died Feb. 27, 1827; Franklin B., born Dec. 30, 1827, died in middle life; Frances M., born Dec. 18, 1830, married Jonathan Walkley, of Southington, and died June 8, 1860; Lucia E., born Aug. 20, 1842, was married Sept. 8, 1868, to W. W. Woolcott, of Georgia; and Nancy Elizabeth became the wife of Henry A. Barraclough, of Los Angeles, California.

Like most farmer boys of his day, James R. Hayes assisted in the work of the farm during the summer season and attended school through the winter months, pursuing his studies in the public schools of the town of Granby and Granby Academy, under the instruction of Jefferson Cooley. He was a close student, and soon fitted himself for the teacher's profession, which he followed for several years during the winter, receiving $12 per month. Learning the wheelwright's trade, he engaged in that business as a journeyman in North Granby for ten years, but for the past thirty-five years has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits upon his present farm. He was one of the first in the town of Granby to engage in the cultivation of tobacco, and is now one of the largest tobacco raisers in the community. Since 1888 he has been in partnership with his son in operating a fine farm of 100 acres in North Granby, besides a large tract of mountain land, and for over a third of a century has done a successful business as an undertaker, being for many years the only one in Granby.

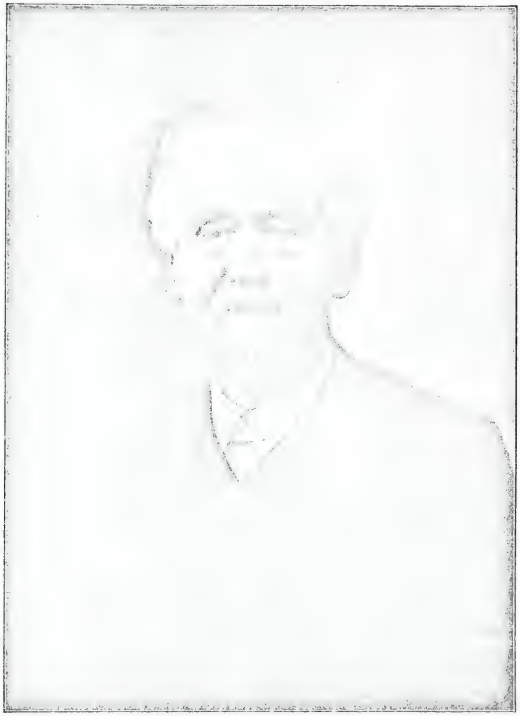
On Oct. 23, 1846, Mr. Hayes was united in marriage with Miss Almira Clark, who was born in Hartland, in August, 1826, a daughter of Jabin and Laura (Butler) Clark, and to them have come three children: (1) Marshall Clark, born May 14, 1848, was educated in the public schools and the high school at Greenwich, R. I., and is now engaged in business with his father. He was married, May 29, 1877, to Ella Merriam, a daughter of Ahira and Roxy (Kendall) Merriam, and they have three children: Harold Merriam, born Nov. 18, 1882; Herbert Kendall, March 11, 1884; and Annie E., Sept. 7, 1888. Marshall C. Hayes is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Congregational Church of Granby, in which he is serving as deacon. (2) Caroline, born Sept. 12, 1849, died Feb. 8, 1852. (3) Flora Edna, born April 22, 1860, has for a number of years been a successful teacher, and now has charge of a school at Blue Hills, Hartford. She is the widow of Dr. W. W. Stratton, and has one child, Hazel Louise.

Mr. Hayes is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and has ever taken an active and prominent part in local politics, being elected to the State Legislature in 1875 and filling that office for one term. He has also served as selectman four terms, assessor of the town, justice of the peace, a member of the board of relief and member of the school board and school committee. His public duties were always most promptly and faithfully discharged, winning the commendation of all concerned. Fraternally he is the oldest member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M. For fifty-two years he and his estimable wife have traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and now in their declining days are surrounded by a host of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth.

WARREN GRIDLEY BUNNELL. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name introduces this review, since he has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural and political interests of Burlington, and has attained a position of distinctive prominence in the town where he was born and where he has retained his residence until the present time, being one of the revered patriarchs of the community.

Mr. Bunnell was born near Burlington Centre April 6, 1819, and belongs to one of the oldest families of that locality. He is the oldest man in the town of Burlington, born there. His grandfather, Lemuel Bunnell, was born in 1767, in Hartford county, and when a young man located in Burlington, where he purchased a tract of thirty acres of land for $300. At that time he was quite poor, and had only one dollar and eighty cents to pay upon his property, but he worked hard and finally managed to pay off the debt. Throughout life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he died upon his farm Feb. 1, 1809. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Marial Benham, was born in 1772, and died April 7, 1852. The remains of both were interred in Burlington cemetery. In their family were five children: Hezekiah, a manufacturer of linseed oil, who died in Burlington; Polly (Mrs. Elton); Theda (Mrs. Smith); Joel, father of our subject; and Sybil (Mrs. Wheeler).

Capt. Joel Bunnell, our subject's father, was born Feb. 5, 1793, received a district-school education, and during his youth learned the trades of tanner, currier and shoemaker. Throughout the greater part of his life he followed shoemaking, going from house to house making shoes, then known as "whipping the cat." He was a man of good business ability and sound judgment, and became quite well-to-do, owning over 700 acres of land in Burlington, where he also engaged in farm-



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ing and stock raising. He was a captain in the State militia, and during the war of 1812 was drafted, serving for six months at New London, Conn. In his religious views he was liberal, and in political sentiment was first a Democrat and later a Republican, but never an office seeker. He died in Burlington July 4, 1876, honored and respected by all who knew him. He married Miss Fanny Gridley, a daughter of Ruil Gridley, who was a farmer in Harwinton, Conn., and there died. Mrs. Bunnell was born March 13, 1798, and died April 30, 1887, being laid to rest by the side of her husband in Burlington Centre cemetery. Our subject is the eldest of their children. Lemuel W., born June 12, 1823, married Jennette E. Clark, who died Jan. 3, 1847, at the age of twenty-six years, and he then married Serena Aldrich, who still lives; they had two daughters, Fannie (Mrs. Jenkins), of Plainville, and Clara, deceased wife of Robert P. Bissell; Lemuel W. Bunnell died in Plainville, Conn., April 23, 1890. Norris W. was born Nov. 10, 1825. Sheldon L., born Jan. 19, 1828, died July 8, 1878. Adaline A., born June 24, 1832, is a resident of Burlington Centre.

Warren G. Bunnell, our subject, attended the district schools of Burlington, also the Burlington Academy, and in early life learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade mainly through his own unaided efforts. He has devoted considerable time to the trade; has also engaged in general farming, sheep raising and the cultivation of tobacco, and is still operating the farm. He has been interested in house moving for a number of years, and has moved many buildings in Hartford and Litchfield counties. His apparatus for this work is of his own invention, and the blocks he uses weigh over 100 pounds each. The chain weighs over 400 pounds, and is the only one of the kind in the county; it is 275 feet in length, and cost one hundred dollars in New York. Mr. Bunnell has moved three churches, raised (each) one pair of rafters, also over one thousand feet of lumber, besides the iron. He has raised shops, saw-mills and gristmill, three stories each, also flag poles of over one hundred feet in height (in Burlington), when he was over eighty-one years old, he raised a flag pole, with copper ball and weather vane six feet long and weighing about fifty pounds. In addition to all this he raised a church bell, and a house that required forty-five jackscrews. Mr. Bunnell has made many improvements upon his farm, and although eighty-one years of age he is still very active, and attends to all of his business affairs. He is progressive, industrious, temperate and honest, and is numbered among the leading and foremost citizens of Burlington.

In 1858 Mr. Bunnell married Miss Eunice Harriet Bradley, daughter of John L. and Harriet Bradley, and to them were born three children: Alice H., now the wife of Clarence Alderman, of Farmington; Lutie W., who for a time was engaged in school teaching, and is now the wife of Charles Barnes, of New Britain; and Celia G., living at home, who is now treasurer of the school board of the district, and has the honor of being the first woman elected to a political office in the town of Burlington.

Mr. Bunnell is a man of broad and liberal ideas, is well read, and thoroughly posted on all the leading events of the day, and is quite popular with all classes of people. He is a strong advocate of temperance, and has signed as many as six cold-water warrants for the arrest of liquor men. At one time he was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as trustee, but he is now liberal in his views. In early life he affiliated with the Know-Nothing party, and is now a stanch Republican in politics. He has been appointed to the offices of justice of the peace and grand juror in Burlington; and has been treasurer of the town, handling all the money; and for over thirty years has been sealer of weights and measures. His offices have all come to him unsolicited, however, as he has never had political aspirations.

BURTON D. PHELPS, a prominent dairyman of the town of Windsor, is a native of New Boston, Berkshire Co., Mass., born March 4, 1857, and is descended from a family whose connection, if any, with the family of the same name in Windsor, is very remote. His parents were O. W. and Elizabeth (Deming) Phelps, and he is the eldest in their family of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom the sons and one daughter are still living.

During his boyhood our subject came to Hartford to live with his maternal grandfather, Eleazer Deming, a farmer by occupation, with whom he remained until the latter's death. He was reared on the farm and provided with good educational advantages, better even than he took advantage of, though he attended the common schools of Hartford.. After his grandfather's death he worked as a farm hand ten years for his uncle Wellington Deming, and here secured an excellent knowledge of every department of farm work.

In Hartford, Mr. Phelps was married, Sept. 25, 1883, to Miss Florence Newton, who was born in Royal Oak, Mich., April 2, 1862. Her ancestors were originally from Long Meadow, Mass., but her father, Daniel W. Newton, was a native of Michigan, a son of Isaac and Anna (Simons) Newton, who in 1835 removed to that State and became pioneers of Oakland county. The father married Miss Eunice Stephenson, and they spent their entire married life in Michigan, where they died. They had two children: Annie, who died in childhood; and Florence, wife of our subject. At the age of eight years the latter came East, and until sixteen lived in Massachusetts, after which she made her home in Hartford until her marriage. Our subject and his wife now have one son, B. Ernest, born Aug. 19, 1891.

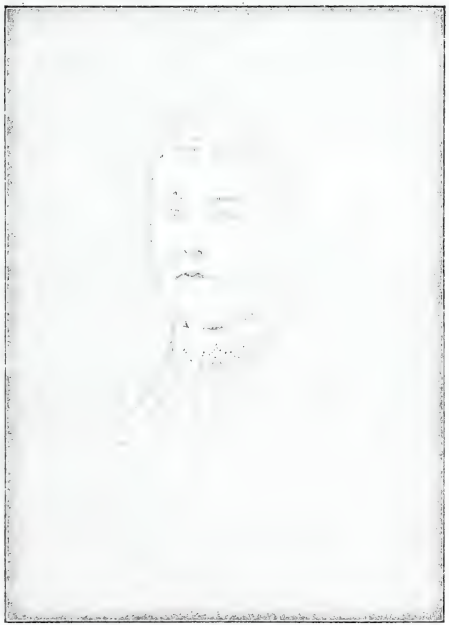
After his marriage Mr. Phelps rented a farm from his uncle, Wellington Deming, and lived there until April, 1890, when he removed to his present farm, known as the George Peck farm. This he bought and by subsequent purchase has added to it until he now has seventy-five acres of valuable land, on which he has made many improvements which add to its attractive appearance. From boyhood he has been familiar with dairy work, and as a retailer is now extensively engaged in that business. He is an active, energetic and progressive business man, who believes in enjoying life as he goes along. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, but he supports men according to fitness rather than politics, and has never been an office seeker. His wife is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 6, auxiliary to Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford.

DEACON HENRY HUMPHREY. The Humphrey family is one of the oldest in this country, and its members have made the name honored in civil and military life, several having served in the Revolutionary army.

The first of the name to settle in this section was Michael Humphrey, and through his son, Lieut. Samuel, the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Canton, traces his descent. Lieut. Samuel Humphrey was born in 1656 in Windsor, and resided during a portion of his life in Massacoe, now Simsbury. Samuel Humphrey, son of Lieut. Samuel, was born in Simsbury May 17, 1686, and was made a freeman of that town in 1717. He was pound keeper for a number of years, and also served as collector, constable, and surveyor of highways. He was married on Feb. 23, 1709, to Hannah Phelps, who was born Oct. 25, 1693, daughter of Joseph and Mary Phelps, of Simsbury, who died in 1710, and was buried in Simsbury. On Feb. 26, 1712, he married Mary Fuller, who was born Nov. 27, 1692, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Case) Fuller. In December, 1714, he married Lydia North, of Farmington, daughter of Nathaniel North. She died Aug. 8, 1730, and in October, 1731, he married, for his fourth wife, Mary Orton, of Litchfield county, Conn. By the first marriage there was one child—Samuel, born Oct. 15, 1710, who married Mary Wilcox, and died July 7, 1755; and one by the second—Abel, born March 13, 1714, who married Jemima Warner. The children of the third marriage were: Lydia, born Nov. 7, 1715, married, on Aug. 19, 1737, in Simsbury, Capt. Daniel Wilcox; Elizabeth, born July 9, 1717, married, on Aug. 27, 1735, Joseph Wilcox; Ezekiel is mentioned below; Tryphena, born Jan. 29, 1722, married, on June 11, 1739, Dr. Samuel Barbour, son of Samuel and Mercy (Holcomb) Barbour, and died in 1752; Mary married, on April 10, 1746, Sergt. Ezra Wilcox; Daniel, born June 5, 1726, married Lucy Marshall, and died March 23, 1814; Isaac died Aug. 3, 1732. Of the children of the fourth marriage Ashbel, who was born April 19, 1732, and died in May, 1813, married for his first wife Lois Coldwell, for his second Lurena Worcester, for his third Mrs. Amy Reed, for his fourth a widow whose name is unknown, and for his fifth Marion Hanson. Isaac, born Nov. 27, 1735, married Esther North, and died Oct. 13, 1788. Thomas, born Oct. 27, 1735, died in 1818, was first married to Elizabeth Hopkins, and afterward to Jane Flint. Eunice married Jacob Holatred. Charles, born Feb. 13, 1743, died in 1822, married Normie Worcester. Lois, born Aug. 26, 1745, married David Wright, of Oxford, Conn. Noel, born Nov. 21, 1747, died June 10, 1819, married Sarah Marshall. Daniel was born in 1749, and died in 1800.

Capt. Ezekiel Humphrey, the next in the line of descent, was born Aug. 28, 1719, in Simsbury, where he grew to manhood. In 1743 he settled in West Simsbury and engaged in farming. He represented Simsbury in the General Assembly in 1777 and 1779, and in many ways showed his sympathy with the American cause during the war of the Revolution. He died in 1795, and his wife, Elizabeth Pettibone Humphrey, who was born in Simsbury in 1724, died in West Simsbury in 1792. By this marriage there were ten children, viz.: Ezekiel, born May 28, 1746, married Rhoda Scott, and died in 1802; Elijah, born Sept. 20, 1748, married Chloe Wilcox, and died in 1788; Elizabeth, born in 1750, married (first) Lieut. Daniel Case, and afterward Elihu Case, and died in 1808; Frederick, born Dec. 9, 1753, married (first) Ruth Fuller and (second) Sarah Wilcox, and died in 1821; George is mentioned below; Anna, born in 1758, married Reuben Humphrey, and died in April, 1826; Giles, born in 1760, married Elizabeth Case, daughter of Deacon Abraham Case; Chloe, born June 28, 1762, married Capt. Asher Humphrey, and died June 31, 1813; Betsey, born Feb. 12, 1767, married Sylvester Humphrey, and died Feb. 15, 1845; Lydia, born in 1769, was first married to Alexander Humphrey, and afterward to Samuel Webster.

Col. George Humphrey, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in 1756, in West Simsbury, and died in 1813. He lived at home until the Revolutionary war broke out, when he became a prominent soldier in the American army, filling many important offices. At the close of the war he returned to the homestead, known as Parsonage farm, and with his brother, Frederick, started a blacksmith shop. He was probate judge in his native town for several years, also justice of the peace, and in 1792 he was elected to the State Legislature. On Aug. 7, 1777, he married Elizabeth Pettibone, who was born in Simsbury in 1756, daughter of Capt. Abraham and Jerusha (Pinney) Pettibone, and died Sept. 22, 1784. On June 5, 1785, he married Rachel Humphrey, who was born Oct. 12, 1755, daughter of Ensign Oliver and Sarah (Garrett) Humphrey, and died in 1831. His children were



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as follows: Clarissa, born July 19, 1780, married in 1811, Elisha Dyer, son of Thomas Dyer. George is mentioned below. Jerusha, born Dec. 2, 1783, died June 11, 1784; Elizabeth, born Feb. 22, 1786, married Dr. Dudley Humphrey, and died in Orwell, Bradford Co., Penn. Cornelia, born July 30, 1787, married Abraham Griswold, and died Jan. 14, 1869, at Gustavus, Ohio. Decius, born April 19, 1789, married Laura Adams, and died June 14, 1878. Stella, born Oct. 26, 1790, married Lester Cone, and died on Oct. 1, 1846, at Monroeville, Huron Co., Ohio. Emily, born Oct. 17, 1792, married Ralph Meecham, and died Dec. 17, 1862, at Mecca, Trumbull Co., Ohio. Laura, born Aug. 24, 1795, married on Feb. 18, 1814, Deacon Lancel Foote, and died Sept. 19, 1880. Hector, born June 8, 1797, married Mariette Mott, was president of the college at Annapolis, Md., and died June 28, 1857.

George Humphrey, the grandfather of our subject, was born July 23, 1782, in what was then West Simsbury, now Canton, Conn., where he grew to manhood. Like his father he was a soldier, serving in the war of 1812, also in Algeria, where he was taken prisoner. He died in 1836. By his marriage to Candice Case there were the following children: George, the father of our subject, who is mentioned below; and Harriet, born Dec. 23, 1806, who died Aug. 23, 1877, unmarried, in Canton, Conn. By his second marriage, in 1816, a daughter, Estella, was born in 1817, who married Isaac Beckmith in 1834; her second husband was William S. Dewey.

George Humphrey, the father of our subject, was born Aug. 15, 1804, at New Hartford, Conn., and died at Smyrna, Chenango Co., N. Y., Aug. 13, 1883. Being among the early settlers he was forced to put up with many of the hardships of pioneer life, living in a log house and working hard to clear the land. By persistent effort, however, he made many improvements upon his farm, among them a fine dwelling. He was a good man, liberal in his church views, and in politics was a Democrat, but never an office seeker. On Oct. 12, 1825, he married, at Canton, Conn., Louise Mills, daughter of Gardner and Mary F. (Skinner) Mills, of that place. She died at their home Jan. 19, 1839. By this marriage there were the following children: Alfred F., born Oct. 8, 1826, died March 18, 1898; Louren E., born Dec. 22, 1828, died in California; Lucy, born Oct. 4, 1830, married, in 1853, William G. Hallock, and died April 2, 1874; Anson W., born Feb. 8, 1833, died Dec. 31, 1833; Clarissa, born Nov. 5, 1834, died Dec. 20, 1834; George H., born May 25, 1836. Mr. Humphrey married for his second wife, on Oct. 30, 1839, Louisa Webb, a good Christian woman, who died at Smyrna, N. Y., July 31, 1877. By this union there were the following children: Estella, born July 27, 1840, married Vincent Goodsell, and afterward Lawson Hutchins; Theron, born April 23, 1842, married Ellen Fifield Feb. 22, 1865; our subject is mentioned below; Edwin, born Aug. 29, 1847, in Georgetown, N. Y., married on May 27, 1868, Abigail Walrod; Francis, born Sept. 1, 1849, died Oct. 28, 1852; Solon, born July 26, 1851, married on Sept. 10, 1872, Mary E. Wynn, and resides at Smyrna, New York.

Deacon Henry Humphrey, our subject, was born at Smyrna, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1845, and was given a common-school education. At the age of twenty, desiring to start in life for himself, he went to Canton, Conn., where for four years he worked as a farm hand for his brother and William G. Hallock. After another year spent in operating a rented farm he bought a tract of one hundred acres, and engaged in tobacco culture, dairying and stock raising. Though he started in life poor, push and energy have in his case had their reward, as his farm now testifies by extensive improvements. In the fall of 1898 he met with one reverse, however, his barn, worth $3,500, being destroyed by fire, but fortunately the loss was partly made good by the insurance. Mr. Humphrey is much respected in his community, and is a director of the Canton Creamery Association. He has served on the town school committee, to which he was re-elected at the last town meeting, has been a member of the board of relief for some time, and since 1888 has been a deacon in his church at Canton Center. Politically he is a Republican. On Jan. 27, 1869, he married, in Canton, Calcie Mills, who was born in Canton, Aug 31, 1847, daughter of Elizur and Betsey (Case) Mills. She was educated in a select school in Canton Center, and after she was sixteen taught school for a number of terms. Like her husband she is a church member. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have had two children: Ernest, born Nov. 13, 1883, who died Nov. 16, 1883; and Alice Estella, born June 21, 1888, who is attending school.

The Mills family, of which Mrs. Humphrey is a member, was also of pioneer stock, her ancestors having come from Yorkshire, England, at an early day. Simon Mills, the first of the family of whom we have record, was a resident of Windsor previous to 1669, as he then removed from that town to Massacoe, now Simsbury, settling at Weatogue, East Simsbury. On Feb. 23, 1649, he married Mary Buel, and they had the following children: Mary, born Dec. 8, 1662; Hannah, born in 1665; Simon (1), born in May, 1667, who died at an early age; John, who is mentioned below; Sarah, born in September, 1670; Abigail, born in 1672; Elizabeth, born in 1674; Prudence, born in 1676; and Simon (2), born in 1678.

John Mills, the next in the line of descent, was born in January, 1668, in Windsor, Conn., and at an early age removed with his parents to Weatogue, Simsbury, where he grew to manhood. He had married Sarah Pettibone, an English woman of good family, and had fairly settled down to life as a farmer when he died, leaving four children: John; Benjamin and Joseph, twins; and Sarah, who died in 1797, at the age of 101 years. She was married

three times, first to Samuel Tuller, next to Francis Garrett, and afterward to Joseph Woodford. The widow of Mr. Mills married for her second husband Deacon John Humphrey, and had children: John, Hannah, Benajah, Michael, and Rev. Daniel (who was the father of Gen. David Humphrey).

Joseph Mills was born in Simsbury, in the Weatogue District, in 1694, and died April 19, 1783. In 1742 he settled in West Simsbury, where he became a large land owner and prominent citizen. He married, in 1724, Hannah Adams, who was born in 1709, and died in September, 1776. Of their children, Joseph, born in 1726, died in 1795, was married four times, his first wife being Lois Case. Michael, born in 1728, died in 1819, married Mercy Lawrence. Hannah, born in 1731, died in 1796, married Ebenezer Fields. Samuel, born in 1734, died in 1803, married a Miss Curtis. Amasa, born in 1736, died in 1821, married Lucy Curtis, daughter of Peter Curtis. Benjamin, born in 1738, died in 1829, married Hannah Humphrey. Ezekiel, born in 1740, died in 1805, married Ursula Phelps. Daniel was born in 1742, and died in 1779. Simon was born in 1744, and died in 1778. Andrew, born in 1746, died in 1813, married Naoma Humphrey. Sarah, born in 1748, died in 1805, married Joseph Cowles, and afterward Asa Foote. Thankful, born in 1750, died in 1776, married Charles Wilcox. Ephraim is mentioned below. Ruth, born in 1753, died in 1789, married James Andrews. Many of the sons mentioned above were prominent in the Revolutionary war, several being captains and one a colonel. Five of them were deacons in churches.

Ephraim Mills, the great-grandfather of our subject's wife, was born April 19, 1751, in West Simsbury, and died there in 1818. His first wife was Rosanna Foote, who was born in 1754, daughter of Capt. John Foote, and died in 1814. His second wife was Bethia Johnson. By his first marriage there were ten children: one died in infancy; Rosanna, born Sept. 17, 1780, married Arnold P. Humphrey; Ephraim, born Oct. 19, 1782, married (first) Sarah Case, widow of Orange Case, and afterward Emma Tuller; Phœbe, born March 28, 1784, married Stephen Davis; Simeon, born in 1786, died in 1787; Simeon (2) is mentioned below; Andrew, born in April, 1789, died Oct. 14, 1792; Ruth, born Nov. 8, 1792, married Chancey G. Griswold; Andrew (2), born in 1793, died Jan. 1, 1804; Norman, born Aug. 21, 1795, married Sophia Andrews.

Simeon Mills, the grandfather of Mrs. Humphrey, was born Sept. 22, 1787, at West Simsbury, now Canton, where he spent his entire life. By occupation he was mainly a farmer, although he was engaged in teaming on the Albany and Hartford turnpike for a number of years. He was a well-known citizen, a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics at first a Whig and afterward a Republican. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Canton Center. He was married first to Anna D. Angilis, later to Abbah Buel, and third to Clarinda Humphrey. His children were as follows: George, Stiles, Elizur, Maryette, Aurelia and Sarah Ann.

Elizur Mills, the father of Mrs. Humphrey, was born in Canton, and died there March 2, 1861. In early life he acted in various capacities—as farmer, teamster, and for a while as a hand in the Collins ax factory. When the rush to California set in Mr. Mills was one of the fairly successful adventurers. He went by the way of Panama, in company with his brother, Stiles, and he nearly lost his life. After four years, during which he acquired considerable property, he returned to Canton and settled upon a farm. He was a highly-respected citizen, a man of liberal church views, and in politics at first a Whig and later a Republican. He was married in Canton to Betsey Case, who died in 1890, and was buried in Canton Center cemetery. She was the daughter of Giles and Mary Case, and granddaughter of Eli and Athildred (Curtis) Case. Mrs. Humphrey was the youngest of a family of four children. (1) Archibald Lewis, born Oct. 7, 1839, was a soldier in the Civil war, and is now a farmer in Cherry Brook, Canton; he was deacon in the church in Canton Center for a number of years. In 1872 he married Mary Loomis, who died in 1893, and they had four children, Lewis (born Jan. 24, 1874), Irene, Irwin and Cora. (2) Belvider died in infancy, and (3) another son of the same name died when he was twenty years of age.

ISAAC WINTHROP WARNER, a thorough and skillful agriculturist of the town of West Suffield, resides on a farm near where he was born, July 22, 1856.

Mr. Warner's grandfather, Isaac Warner, was born on the old homestead in Warnertown, same town, and was a son of Isaac Warner and brother of Curtis Warner. He acquired his literary education in the district schools near his home, and obtained an excellent knowledge of farming, which he made his life work. He was very successful, and was an extensive land owner. He spent his entire life in Warnertown as a general farmer, dairyman and stock raiser, and made many improvements upon his place, including the erection of a pleasant residence and good barns. He married Miss Sarah Phelps, and to them were born three children: Isaac L., William W., and Julia Ann (wife of Lovatus Noble), all now deceased. The grandparents died upon their farm, and were buried in the Phelps cemetery, near Warnertown.

William W. Warner, our subject's father, was born upon the home farm Dec. 4, 1818, and was educated in the district schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute. During his younger years he engaged in peddling Yankee notions throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, but after his marriage he turned his attention to agri-

cultural pursuits upon his father's farm, where he remained for several years, and then removed to the place where our subject now resides. It comprises sixty-four acres, which he improved by building a fine residence, and barns, thereon, and to its cultivation he devoted his energies until called from this life Jan. 4, 1873, his remains being interred in the family burying-ground in Phelps cemetery. His political support was ever given to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Miss Emily M. Phelps, a daughter of Cromwell and Teresa (Rising) Phelps, and three children were born of this union: Sarah, wife of James A. Griswold, of East Granby, Hartford county; Isaac W., our subject; and Emily M., wife of Richard D. Cannon, of North Granby. The mother, who was also an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died on the home farm, Jan. 19, 1859, and was laid to rest in the Phelps cemetery.

The primary education of our subject, acquired in the district schools of Warnertown, was supplemented by a course in the Connecticut Literary Institute. He was only sixteen years of age when his father died, and lived with his maternal grandmother, to whom he proved a great comfort and help. He took charge of the home farm, which he has since so successfully operated, and has devoted his time to general farming, dairying, stock raising and tobacco culture. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising, progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community, and his aid is never withheld from anything which he believes will prove of public benefit. He is a quiet, unassuming man, yet makes many friends. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

On Oct. 4, 1881, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Mrs. Martha (Birge) Mason, a native of Southwick, Mass., and a daughter of Horace and Lucy (Stiles) Birge. They have one child, Charles I., who was born in 1883, and is now attending school. Mrs. Warner is a lineal descendant of Richard Birge, who came from Dorchester, Mass., and settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1636, and also of Matthew Grant, who came over from England in 1630, in the ship "Mary and John," and settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1635.

WILLIAM LUCIUS PHELPS, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of West Suffield, is deserving of special mention in this volume as a man who has made his own way in life, and the outline of his career as given below cannot fail to afford a helpful object lesson. His popularity as a citizen is a tribute to his personal worth, which is best known to those who have watched most closely his steady advancement.

Mr. Phelps belongs to a well-known pioneer family, tracing his descent from William Phelps, a native of Tewkesbury, England, who came to America in 1630 with a colony of which Rev. Mr. Warham was the head. There were three brothers, William, George and Richard, in the party, but Richard went to the Barbadoes five years later, and all trace of him has been lost. George settled in Maine, while William came to Windsor in 1636. His first wife, who had accompanied him from England with their five children, died in Dorchester, Mass., and after his removal to Windsor he married Mary Dover, who also came from England with Mr. Warham's party. He died in 1672, at his home on the road between Poquonock and Windsor.

Judah Phelps, our subject's great-grandfather, resided at the present site of Warnertown, West Suffield. He married Abigail Bishop, and among his children were two sons, Israel, our subject's grandfather; and Apollos, known as Capt. Apollos, a prominent citizen of West Suffield in his day.

Israel Phelps was born at Warnertown, and spent his entire life in West Suffield, where he owned and cultivated a large tract of land. As a citizen he was much respected, his broad and liberal views of Christian doctrines and duty being exemplified by an upright life. He died in 1855, and his wife, Teresa (Rising), died in 1878, the remains of both being interred in the Phelps burial ground in West Suffield.

Israel L. Phelps, father of our subject, was born on the old Warner homestead at Warnertown, where he grew to manhood. He engaged in farming on property now owned by William J. Graham, and he died there in 1867, at a comparatively early age. While he never sought political prominence, he was a stanch Democrat, and, like his father, he was liberal in his religious views. He married Miss Elizabeth C. Gibbons, of Granville, Mass., daughter of William Gibbons, and had three children: Flora B., deceased; William L., our subject; and Teresa Jane ("Jennie"), now the wife of George Pomeroy, of Franklin, N. Y. The mother, for her second husband, married Justus M. Pease, and both are still living in Warnertown. Of the two children born to this marriage, Clare E. married Bradford Goodrich, and Grove M. is at home.

William L. Phelps was born Jan. 30, 1864, at Warnertown, and was but three years old when deprived of a father's care. He remained with his mother for some years, during which he availed himself of the limited educatonal opportunities afforded by the local schools, but at the age of eleven he left home to work for Isaac Warner, with whom he spent seven years, receiving only his board and clothing. At eighteen he went to Granville, Mass., where he was employed at farming and other labor until 1892. He then returned to West Suffield, securing employment with Oliver C. Rose, and, as his habits were frugal, he managed at the end of three years to buy his present homestead of one hundred acres, formerly known as the King farm. Here he has made many improvements from time to time, while by his industry he gains a comfortable

income from the place, tobacco raising and dairying occupying his attention in connection with general farming. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and in religion he holds to the deep, broad principles which underlie all faiths, rather than to any denominational interpretations. In 1891 he was married, in Westfield, Mass., to Miss Marietta Seymour, whose intelligent aid has been a factor in his success. She is a native of Bradford county, Penn., and a daughter of Milton Seymour, a respected resident of that section. Four children brighten our subject's home: Brainard B., Esther S., Arlene M. and Jennie M.

JOHN HENRY CONNLEY, general manager of the Berlin Brick Co., Berlin, is a native of New York State, born March 17, 1858, at Fishkill on the Hudson.

John A. Connley, his father, born Oct. 14, 1829, in Orange county, N. Y., is also a brickmaker by trade, and for a time conducted a brick plant in Haverstraw, N. Y.; but in 1878 he gave up that business, and after three years with T. G. Peck & Co., at Haverstraw, he became superintendent for the Nayatt Brick Co., at Providence, R. I. At the end of eight years with that firm he resigned, and for the past several years has been with the Quinnipiac Brick Co., of New Haven, Conn., as superintendent. In political affairs he was a Democrat up to 1896, but in that year he "turned his coat," becoming a Republican. He held various town offices in Grassy Point, N. Y., while a resident in that place. In religious faith he is an attendant of the Congregational Church; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M.

On Sept. 27, 1854, John A. Connley married Martha Saunters, who was born April 29, 1834, a daughter of Stephen Saunters, of Fishkill, N. Y., and a brief record of their children is as follows: (1) Miss Sarah M., born Sept. 13, 1856, lives at home. (2) John H. is our subject. (3) George Benson, born Oct. 19, 1862, is a bookkeeper in the Shoe & Leather Bank, New York; on May 14, 1885, he married Ada F. Siver, of Fishkill, New York.

John H. Connley, the subject proper of these lines, was a few months old when his parents removed from Fishkill on the Hudson to Haverstraw, N. Y., in which latter city he received his education, partly in the common schools, partly in a select school. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the brickmaking business with his father, and in 1881 went to Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., where he became superintendent of H. P. Shares, manufacturer of bricks, and remained in that position nine years. Following this he was foreman for one year under his father, who was superintendent of the Nayatt Brick Co.'s works at Providence, R. I., after which he and his brother George B. leased the yard, and for three years carried same on under the firm name of Connley Bros. Our subject then removed to Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., to fill the position of general manager of the Berlin Brick Co. At the end of two years he superintended the erection of the William L. Davis brickyards at Berlin, and remained there as superintendent two years. In 1898 he returned to the Berlin Brick Co., as their general manager (his present incumbency), having full charge of the brickyard. Like his father before him, he is a thoroughly skilled brick manufacturer, fully understanding the business in every detail, and, moreover, giving his undivided personal attention to all the departments of the work, as he is always found at his post of duty. Of Mr. Connley's perfect familiarity with every branch of the business, and of his superior management, the all-round completeness and orderly system to be found in the works of the Berlin Brick Co. are in themselves ample evidence.

On Dec. 22, 1880, John H. Connley was married to Mattie Elizabeth Buchanan, who was born July 15, 1860, a daughter of Robert and Nancy Emily (Briggs) Buchanan, the former a mariner, late of Haverstraw, N. Y. Two children have been born to this union: Grace E., born Sept. 18, 1881, graduated from the New Britain high school in 1900. Jessie E. was born Aug. 16, 1884. The family are highly esteemed and respected. Mr. Connley attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member, and fraternally he unites with the A. O. U. W., belonging to the lodge at North Haven. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

AUGUST VOIGT. The German-born citizens maintain a high ideal of citizenship, and the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of New Britain, has shown in his career the energy and public spirit which characterizes the race. For a number of years he has been superintendent of the butt department of the Stanley Works, while in the promotion of general business interests and in the work of municipal improvements he has taken an active and influential part.

Mr. Voigt was born March 12, 1858, in Burg, near Madgeburg, Prussia, where his ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines resided. Henry Voigt, our subject's father, was born in Burg, Dec. 14, 1827, son of David Voigt, and received a public school education, attending from hs seventh to his fourteenth year. As he was quite young when his father died, he was obliged to turn his attention to the work of bread-winning at an early age, and served an apprenteeship as a cloth weaver. According to the custom in Germany he then traveled three years, working at his trade, and during the Revolution of 1848 was serving in the German army, in which he remained three years. He then settled in Burg, but the introduction of the power-loom interfered with the trade, and in 1865 he came to America, hoping to better his condition. He located first in Collinsville, Hartford Co., Conn., where he was employed in a shop as an axe-grinder, and six months later he settled in New Britain, finding

employment in the Stanley Rule & Level Co. His ability and skill were soon recognized, and he became a contractor, retiring in 1880, after twenty years of successful work, with a comfortable competence; he still resides in New Britain. He is of a quiet disposition, his time having always been spent at home when not in the factory, and his fondness for reading has enabled him to keep well-posted on current events. Politically he is a Republican, but he has not been active in party affairs. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church of New Britain, and he belongs to a local lodge of the I. O. O. F. (in which he has passed all the chairs), and to the German Benevolent Society, which latter he helped to organize. His estimable wife, Elizabeth Kuehne, was born in Burg, Prussia, Sept. 17, 1833, daughter of Christopher Kuehne. August is the elder of two sons born to Henry Voigt and his wife; the younger, Henry J., born Jan. 19, 1869, is now foreman of the pattern-making department of the Russell & Erwin factory.

August Voigt was educated in the schools of New Britain, and his studies were interrupted at the age of eleven, in order that he might assist his father on the contract above mentioned. In 1873 he returned to the public schools for six months, and at the same time also took private instructions. Solely by his own efforts he became proficient in the German language, which he reads and writes readily. On finally leaving school, in 1873, he began to learn the machinist's trade with the Bank Lock Co., remaining with that company until 1876. After a short time spent with P. & F. Corbin, he was in the spring of 1877 employed by Russell & Erwin. In February, 1878, Thomas Conklin, general superintendent of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., sought his services, and after a short time he gave up his former position to enter the latter employ. In 1881 he was employed as machinist and toolmaker in the Stanley Works, and in 1886 became foreman in the butt department, of which he was made superintendent in 1891, since which time the capacity has been doubled. For some time he has been a director in the New Britain Co-operative Savings & Loan Association.

Mr. Voigt is active in local politics as a Republican, and has been treasurer of the town of New Britain since 1893. He was also prominent in the sewer department for the city for eight years, from 1891 to 1898 serving as a member of the sewer commission, from which he resigned in the summer of 1898, and during that time he served as chairman with the exception of one year. He attends the South Congregational Church, and he and his family are much esteemed socially. Mr. Voigt is a member of the following orders and societies: Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.; Gerstaecker Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., New Britain; and the Encampment of the same order (he has passed all the chairs in the lodge, and has served as deputy of the State order); the Turner Society; the German Benevolent Society; and the New Britain Driving Club.

In 1879 Mr. Voigt married Miss Theresa Young, daughter of Frederick Young, of New Britain, formerly a resident of Canton, Conn., and four children have blessed the union.

EDWIN C. LOOMIS, an energetic and reliable young business man who in the past ten years has built up a profitable trade as a meat dealer, in the town of Windsor, was born there, Feb. 8, 1864, a son of W. W. and Lucy M. (Wilson) Loomis, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Lomis was educated in the Stony Hill district school and the academy at Windsor, and as a young man worked on his father's farm, also at brickmaking, which was extensively carried on in the vicinity of his home. One summer he clerked in the grocery store of L. Mullalet, Jr., of Windsor, and at the age of twenty-one paid a visit to the West, going as far as Denver, Colo., and stopping at other western cities. Returning to Connecticut, he embarked in farming and gradually became interested in his present business, depending entirely upon his own resources. His first experiences were not very encouraging, but this did not dishearten him as it would have done many a young man. Benefiting by his failure, he steadily persevered in his new undertaking until at length success crowned his efforts. He commenced business on a small scale, and at first his efforts at selling meat in the winter only were successful, but since 1890 he has carried it on all the year round, and has the leading business of the kind in the town, his route extending throughout Windsor. Fair dealing, courteous treatment and the highest quality of goods have been important factors in his success, and he has the confidence and esteem of his many patrons.

On May 20, 1891, Mr. Loomis married Miss Anna Bancroft Strickland, a native of Westfield, Mass., born Sept. 25, 1867, and a daughter of James V. and Ellen L. (Bancroft) Strickland. Her father was born near Poquonock, Conn., in 1835, a son of Cadwell Strickland, and the mother was born in Enfield, Conn., in 1839, a daughter of Caleb O. and Chloe (Wolcott) Bancroft, the former a relative of the great historian, George Bancroft, and the latter a relative of Gov. Wolcott, of Connecticut. James V. R. Strickland, who was reared near Poquonock, was valedictorian of his class when he graduated from the academy at that place, and completed his education by two terms' attendance at the East Hampton (Mass.) College. He was a skilled mathematician and at the age of seventeen years began teaching, a profession which he successfully followed for some time. He also engaged in farming. For several years he resided in Westfield, Mass., and was living there at the time of his marriage, but later returned to the town of Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn. He was a prominent member of

the Democratic party, and a highly respected citizen of the community, and represented that town in the State Legislature in 1874. He died in January, 1897, at which time he was residing on "the Island" at Windsor, and his widow, a highly respected old lady, now finds a pleasant home with our subject. In their family were only two children who reached years of maturity: Mrs. Anna B. Loomis, and H. W., of Windsor. Our subject and his wife have three children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Henry S., June 20, 1892; Marian C., Nov. 27, 1893; and Marshall W., May 7, 1896.

In April, 1892, Mr. Loomis removed to his present home, known as the Gilbert Loomis farm, and has since greatly improved the place, supplying it with all modern conveniences and accessories such as are found on a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has a very comfortable home where hospitality reigns supreme. He is a Democrat, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting regularly, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church at Windsor.

ALBERT H. GALPIN, a popular and influential citizen of Wethersfield, was born in that town, June 16, 1847, and is a worthy representative of one of its most honored families.

Samuel Galpin, his grandfather, was born in Berlin, this county, but when a young man came to Wethersfield, where he spent the remainder of his life as a stone-cutter and farmer, owning and operating a small farm here. He was a stanch supporter first of the Whig and later of the Republican party, and took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs. He was a very popular man in his community, and was honored with a number of town offices, serving eighteen years as assessor of Wethersfield; one year as a member of the board of relief; fifteen years as selectman; nine years as collector of State and county taxes; twenty years as justice of the peace; and one year as town clerk. He also filled other local offices, and was a director of the State prison for a time. He was also a member of the school board fifteen years, county commissioner three years, and in 1839 represented Wethersfield in the State Legislature. In church matters he also took an active interest, and was a faithful member of the Congregational Church, in which he served as deacon for a number of years. For thirty-seven years he was clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society, and he was commissioned to hold, loan and collect parsonage money for twenty-eight years, and was collector of the first Ecclesiastical Society for four years. He was also called upon to act as administrator and executor for thirty-four estates, and was notary public for six years. His fellow citizens placed the utmost confidence in him, and he was found true to every trust reposed in him, either in public or in private life. He married Caroline Woodhouse, of Wethersfield, who was also a member of the Congregational Church, and both died and were buried in Wethersfield. They had four children: Albert; Samuel; John; and Caroline, wife of Albert Wells.

Albert Galpin, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Wethersfield, and was practically a self-educated man. He engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his life, and like his father he was called upon to fill many public positions of honor and trust. He filled the office of town clerk of Wethersfield for over forty-three years; was justice of the peace fifteen years; and first selectman. He took a very active part in school matters, and was a stanch supporter of our public-school system. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. As an honorable and upright man, and good Christian, he had the full confidence of his fellow citizens, and he was also called upon to settle a large number of estates. In Farmington, Conn., he married Miss Esther M. Washburn, a daughter of Charles Washburn, of Granby, Conn., and to them were born two children: Albert H., our subject; and Hubert D., a resident of Illinois. The parents both died on the home farm, and were buried in Wethersfield cemetery.

During his boyhood Albert H. Galpin attended the district schools of Wethersfield, and later the academy of that town and a school in New York. His education completed, he returned to the home farm and remained with his parents, engaged in general farming and tobacco growing. In 1892 he was appointed town clerk, and the following year was elected to that office, which he has since so creditably filled. He also served as town treasurer for six years, and justice of the peace for eighteen years. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally affiliates with the Grange. He is well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and is a man well-known and highly respected in his community.

HORACE W. TREAT. In Hartford county the two chief vocations in life, agriculture and manufacture, are often blended. The genius of the workshop is highly developed in the sons of Connecticut, and the independence and healthfulness of farm life often run counter to that specialization. Not uncommonly a young man has made a successful venture in the great field of manufacture, and later in life has retired to the freedom of the farm. A typical and prominent instance is presented in the life of our subject.

Mr. Treat was born Oct. 8, 1832, in the town of Glastonbury, Hartford county, and there he was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the district school and high school of his native town, also spending two terms at the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield. He acquired a knowledge of the blacksmith's trade, working at it steadily for two years, and then opened a shop of his own

at Rockville, Conn. He was enterprising and wide-awake, and soon after he was successfully operating a large carriage shop in which he became a manufacturer of carriages, and did an extensive and successful business. In 1879 Mr. Treat moved to the farm, in the town of South Windsor, which he now owns, and where he has ever since resided. It is a well-improved property of sixty-five acres. Mr. Treat is engaged in general farming and dairy business, and has a fine stock of Jersey cattle.

Mr. Treat was married, in 1858, to Miss Anna L. Corey, and two children were born to them: Carrie L., who died at the age of two and one-half years, and Irving C., who is now a hardware merchant of Hartford. Mrs. Treat died in 1898.

In politics Mr. Treat is a member of the Prohibition party. He is a prominent citizen of South Windsor, and one whose abundant success in life is an honor to himself, and a credit to the intelligent and progressive community in which he lives.

JAMES LUMAN LEWIS, a prominent farmer and road commissioner of Southington, was born on the old homestead in the Marion District of that town, Nov. 1, 1838, and is a son of Luman and Patience Maria (Foot) Lewis.

Our subject received a good practical education in the common schools of Southington, and remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he went to work on the New Britain reservoir, being thus employed for two years and eight months. Subsequently he was connected with the Frost Manufacturing Co., at Marion, for three years, and was superintendent of the Southington town farm for the same length of time. In 1864 he removed to Farmington, and served as superintendent of the town farm there for the long period of twenty-six years, at the same time acting as road commissioner for twenty-four years. Returning to Southington in 1890, he has since successfully engaged in farming in that town, and has also filled the office of road commissioner in a most satisfactory manner. He is progressive and enterprising, and never withholds his support from any measure which he believes will prove of public benefit, or will in any way promote the welfare of his town and county. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

On Feb. 28, 1862, Mr. Lewis married Miss Alice Riley, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (McKiernan) Riley, natives of County Leitrim, Ireland, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Anna M., now the wife of Adelbert Leonard; Alice E., wife of Lewis W. Morris; and Mabel E.

ROBERT SOUTHGATE GRISWOLD was born at the old homestead of the Griswold family at Griswoldville, Hartford county, Feb. 9, 1849. He is a son of Thomas Griswold, and his line of descent from Michael Griswold, who settled at Wethersfield in 1645, is fully traced in the biographical sketch of his brother, Thomas Newton Griswold, which appears elsewhere.

Robert S. Griswold received excellent educational advantages. His preliminary studies were pursued at the academies of Wethersfield and East Hampton, and in 1867 he graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain. Both before and after graduation he taught school with marked success, and there can be little question that to this experience he owes, in part, those habits of application and self-control which have distinguished him throughout his life. In 1868, before he had reached his majority, his father admitted him as a partner in the firm of T. Griswold & Co., of which old and well-known house he remained a member twenty-two years, during which period he traveled in its interest through New England and Canada, as well as over the central, southern, and western States. In 1890 he disposed of his interest in the business, and since that date has resided at the old homestead—now comprising nearly 110 acres, he having added forty acres—which he has greatly improved, and where, in addition to seed-growing, he carries on general and dairy farming. He is also a director and stockholder in the Springbrook Creamery Company.

Mr. Griswold takes a keen and active interest in public affairs, and is always ready to support and aid any project for the real good of the community in which he lives, or of the general commonwealth. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and his fellow citizens have honored both him and themselves by repeatedly electing him to office. For four years he was school overseer, and in 1896 was sent from Wethersfield to the State Legislature, in which body he served as a member of the committee on Fisheries and Game. For six years he was a private in the Governor's Horse Guards. He is a member of the Wethersfield Grange, in which he has acted as chaplain for one year and filled the chair of master for one year. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, both himself and his family being members of that denomination, and has been a deacon in the church, and a teacher in the Sunday-school for more than thirty years, his life during that long period furnishing the best evidence of the sincerity of his Christian profession. Although not yet past middle life, he occupies the position of one of Wethersfield's leading and most influential citizens, and has a firm hold upon the affections and respect of its people.

On Dec. 17, 1873, Mr. Griswold married Ida Louise Griswold, who was born Sept. 30, 1853, at Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of Justus Welles Griswold, of Wethersfield. She, like her husband, is a graduate of the State Normal School at New Britain, was for two years a teacher, and is a lady of fine mental powers, which have been highly developed, of instinctively refined tastes, and of a gentle, generous disposition. To this marriage have been born nine children: (1) Mabel Welles, born April

12, 1875, died Oct. 26, 1881. (2) Annie Louise, born Jan. 30, 1877, graduated from the Hartford High School, and taught school at Newington, Conn., before her marriage, June 27, 1899, to H. Seymour White, of Wethersfield, who is in the insurance business. (3) Ida May, born Oct. 24, 1879, graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain in 1899, and is now successfully engaged in teaching at New Milford, Conn. (4) Maude Agnes, born June 25, 1882, is a stenographer in the employ of the Hartford County Fire Insurance Co. (5) Mary Elizabeth, born July 10, 1884, attends grammar school at Hartford. (6) Thomas Welles, born July 23, 1886, attends the high school at Wethersfield. (7) Robert Southgate, born July 24, 1889, and (8) Marion Kirkham, born Sept. 10, 1894, attend the public schools of the home neighborhood. (9) Joseph Welles was born June 25, 1899.

WILLIAM F. GRISWOLD, one of the most enterprising and successful dairy farmers of Rocky Hill town, was born in the town of Wethersfield, Hartford county, Jan. 5, 1861. When he was but five years old his parents removed to the farm where he now lives, and here he grew to manhood. He obtained his early education in the district schools; this was supplemented by attendance at the Brown public school, of Hartford. He remained on his father's farm until his marriage to Miss Margaret A. Williams, a young lady of Rocky Hill, and a daughter of Horace Williams. Their marriage took place in 1888, and has been blessed by the birth of seven children: Frank, Albert, Hayden, Helen, Mary, Arthur, and Leonard. After his marriage he removed from his father's farm to the center of Rocky Hill, but he returned to the old home after two years.

Mr. Griswold carries on a very extensive dairy business in addition to his general farming, having a herd of eighty-five cattle, including forty-five cows, besides ten horses. His farm is a large one, covering over one hundred acres, and on it he raises fruit extensively. In 1897 he set out one acre of raspberry bushes and another of strawberry plants, and in 1898 four hundred peach and one hundred plum trees; he increased his peach orchard in 1899 to 2,000 trees, and in 1900 set out an apple orchard of 300 trees. He disposes of his milk in the city of Hartford, selling about seven hundred quarts daily, and employing two teams in his delivery. Mr. Griswold is a Democrat in politics, and in 1895 was chosen selectman of his town. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and of Rocky Hill Grange.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LAMPHIER, Sr., one of the most prominent residents of Canton, is a thoroughly self-made man, his present prosperity having been gained by persevering industry and careful management. He was born Feb. 11, 1829, at Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn., and comes of good New England ancestry. His grandfather, Asa Lamphier, was a sea captain, and resided in Rhode Island.

George Lamphier, our subject's father, was born Feb. 22, 1804, in Rhode Island, where he was reared, but came to Connecticut in early manhood, and purchased a farm at Goshen, where his remaining years were spent. He was an industrious, enterprising man, always making improvements, and his hard work won him substantial success, as he became the owner of two fine farms, comprising more than 300 acres. He was liberal in his religious views, and was highly esteemed for his upright character. In politics he was a Democrat, but he did not seek office. On Jan. 12, 1827, in Stonington, Conn., Mr. Lamphier married Miss Betsey Robinson, a native of that place, born Aug. 1, 1800, daughter of George Robinson, a sea captain. She was a loving wife and mother, and an active member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Lamphier died May 19, 1883, his wife surviving until Feb. 24, 1890; they were buried in Cornwall Hollow. Six children were born to their marriage: Elizabeth, wife of George H. Crandall; Homer, who died at the age of nineteen years; George W., our subject; Joseph C., a resident of Litchfield, Conn.; Benjamin Franklin, who resides in Goshen; and Lucretia Jane, deceased, who never married.

George W. Lamphier was educated in the district schools of Goshen, the high school in Cornwall, and the seminary in Amenia, N. Y. For ten years he taught during winter in the schools of Canaan, Norfolk and Goshen, his summers being spent on the farm. He was economical and thrifty, and by 1856 had saved money for the purchase of the homestead, a tract of 170 acres, where he engaged in farming for ten years. In 1866 he sold out and removed to the Norton Case farm, at Canton Center, which contains 150 acres, and where he has since been engaged in general farming, dairying and tobacco culture; for three years he conducted a store at the Center. In 1885 Mr. Lamphier was appointed postmaster, which office he held twelve years, and he has also served as assessor, justice of the peace, and member of the board of education, being one of the leading workers in the local Democratic organization. Socially he and his family are much esteemed, and they are identified with the Congregational Church at Canton Center, in which he has held the office of deacon since 1881.

On Sept. 3, 1856, at Canton Center, Conn., Mr. Lamphier married Miss Emily Maria Richardson, who has proved a most efficient and intelligent helpmeet. They had five children: Edwin P., a resident of Winsted, Conn., married Ella J. Sisson, daughter of Giles A. Sisson; Emily Lucretia married Rev. Clarence H. Pease, son of Henry Pease, of Hartford, Conn.; George Washington, Jr., a farmer, married Hattie L. Humphrey, of Canton Center; Origen R., also a prominent farmer, mar-

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ried (first) Alice Burdick, of New Hartford, Conn., and (second) Annabelle Wilcox, of Higganum; and A. Alfred, a resident of Torrington, Conn., married Lulu Case, of New Hartford.

Mrs. Lamphier was born Nov. 22, 1838, in Windsor, daughter of John Richardson, a well-known farmer of Canton, born in 1780. He married Emily Marble, of East Windsor, born in April, 1806. They lived a number of years in Windsor, but their last years were spent in Canton. Mr. Richardson died April 12, 1853, his wife Oct. 10, 1882. They had a family of eleven children, eight of whom are still living: Delia (Mrs. Herbert E. Landon), John, Editha (deceased), Adaline (deceased), George, Samuel, Emily Maria, William, Danford (deceased), Lavinia (Mrs. John B. Brown), and Alice (Mrs. Alfred Sperry).

William Richardson, Mrs. Lamphier's grandfather, was an Englishman. About the year 1768 he was taken by a press gang, and pressed into the English military service, but escaped, left England, and coming to America found his way to Windsor. On May 23, 1775, he enlisted in the Fourth Connecticut Regiment; Col. Hinman's, and served at Ticonderoga and the siege of Boston. George Pitkin of Hartford was his captain, and Ozias Bissel another captain. William Richardson had a good Revolutionary record. About the year 1779 he married Editha, daughter of Aaron and Editha (Skinner) Booth, of East Windsor, and they had five children: Clarinda married Benjamin Pease, lived in Enfield, and died at the age of eighty-seven years. Harriet was married in 1808 to Eli Hoskins, and lived in Windsor, attaining the age of over eighty years. Mary married Thomas Malay, and lived at Warehouse Point. John has been mentioned. Editha married Orrin Lord. William Richardson, the father of these children, died when they were young, the mother surviving him for a number of years.

WALTER EMORY STANNARD, a well known traveling salesman for the firm of George W. Woolley & Son, casket manufacturers, of Hartford, was born in Southington, June 15, 1846, a son of Nathan E. and Rachel (Woodruff) Stannard, and grandson of Josiah and Lydia (Hubbard) Stannard, natives of Haddam and Windsor, Conn., respectively.

The father of our subject was born in Haddam, July 17, 1810, and died Nov. 20, 1888. His early life was passed in Haddam. He was a shoemaker by trade, but followed farming the greater part of his life, and also engaged in the hotel business in New Haven and Southington. His tastes strongly inclined him to military affairs, and on May 14, 1841, he was appointed by the State as major of the 14th Regiment of Infantry, and as Colonel of the same regiment May 13, 1844. Prior to this he had been appointed quartermaster-sergeant, July 7, 1836, and as adjutant, Aug. 18, 1837. His wife was born May 8, 1812, and died March 16, 1893. Her parents were Bushnell and Harriet (Hart) Woodruff, the former a son of John and Catherine (Bushnell) Woodruff. John Woodruff was a son of John and Eunice (Wiard) Woodruff, and a grandson of Samuel and Rebecca (Clark) Woodruff. Samuel Woodruff was the first white settler in what is now the town of Southington. His parents were Matthew and Hannah Woodruff, the former of whom removed from Hartford to Farmington about 1640, and was one of the eighty-four proprietors of that town in 1672, having been admitted a freeman in 1657.

Our subject, who is an only son, was reared in Southington, and during his boyhood pursued his studies in the public schools and in the Lewis high school. At the age of fourteen he began his business career as an employe in the Capt. Savage bolt shop, where he remained two years, and then entered the general store of Joel Woodruff, as clerk, serving in that capacity seven years. The following year he spent as shipping clerk for the H. D. Smith Co., of Plantsville, and subsequently he was shipping contractor for the Atwater Manufacturing Co., for the same length of time. For a short time he was with the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and for two years was engaged in the manufacture of packing boxes. Later he was employed as shipping clerk and salesman for the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., for the long period of seventeen years, and then traveled one year for the Dana Hardware Co. of Boston. Since 1895 he has been a traveling salesman for George W. Woolley & Son, casket manufacturers, of Hartford, and has most ably represented their interests on the road, having built up an excellent trade.

On July 2, 1867, Mr. Stannard was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Barker, a daughter of Charles H. and Mary (Seymour) Barker, of Haddam, Conn. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and religiously he is a member of the First Baptist Church. He also belongs to Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., and Unity Council, No. 11, O. U. A. M. He was the first foreman of Fire Company No. 1, of Southington, and after serving as such seven years was appointed second assistant engineer, in which capacity he served three years, being honorably discharged Sept. 22, 1893. His pleasant, genial manner makes him hosts of friends, and he is very popular with his associates.

WILLIAM GAY HUMPHREY, a well-known resident of Canton, is a man whose integrity and genial nature have won for him the respect and friendship of all who know him. He is a farmer by occupation, having, since the death of his father, taken full charge of the family homestead, an eighty-acre tract, where he is engaged in stock raising, tobacco growing, and dairying.

Mr. Humphrey comes of the best Connecticut pioneer ancestry, and was born May 31, 1860, upon

his present homestead, son of Alfred F. and Lydia (Griswold) Humphrey, and a brother of George Franklin Humphrey. [An account of the ancestry will be found elsewhere.] He first attended the district schools of Canton, and later studied in Wilbraham Academy and a business college at Hartford. On Oct. 8, 1885, he married Miss Cora B. Case, daughter of George J. Case, and granddaughter of Jarvis Case, and they have two children: Harold W. and Ruth Mildred. The family is popular socially, and Mr. Humphrey belongs to three different lodges, the A. F. & A. M., the Grange, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Canton Center, and politically he is a firm Republican, although he has never aspired to any office.

Mrs. Humphrey is a descendant of James and Esther Fithen Case, early settlers in Simsbury. These worthy pioneers had a son, Capt. Josiah Case, born in Simsbury, who settled in Canton about 1743, who had a son, Capt. Fithen Case, Mrs. Humphrey's great-grandfather. Capt. Fithen Case was born in what is now Canton, in 1758, and settled at East Hill, Canton, on the farm still owned by his grandson, George Jarvis Case. He married Amarilla Humphrey, who was born in 1764, and died in 1845, and they had children as follows: Mariah, born in 1781, married M. Moses Case, and died in 1856; Fithen, born in 1784, married Statira Phelps, and died in 1853; Mamre, born in 1786, married Abra Phelps; Josiah W., born in 1790, married Agnes Case, and died in 1830; Salma, born in 1792, died in 1794; Lavinia Charity, born in 1794, married Col. Salmon Merrill; Jasper, born in 1796, married Flora Humphrey; Melissa, born in 1799, married Ithuel Gridley; Jarvis, born in 1801 died in 1865; Julia, born in 1805, married Ithuel Gridley, who after her death married her sister Melissa.

Gen. Jarvis Case, grandfather of Mrs. Humphrey, resided on the homestead at East Hill, and was engaged in farming. He was made a brigadier-general in the State Militia in March, 1840. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and politically was a Democrat, and took an active part in local affairs. In 1828 he married Lucia Adams, who was born in North Canton, daughter of Ezra Adams, and their children were as follows: Lucia Hellen, born April 13, 1830, died Oct. 13, 1885; Mary Jane, born May 15, 1832, died Oct. 15, 1853; George Jarvis, born Nov. 15, 1835, was the father of Mrs. Humphrey; Anna L., born Jan. 12, 1839, married E. N. White, of East Hill, Canton; Ellen M., born Nov. 1, 1845, married E. E. Woodford, who died Aug. 6, 1879.

George Jarvis Case, father of Mrs. Humphrey, received his education in the Canton district schools and the Canton Center Academy, and has been engaged all his life in stock raising, dairying and tobacco growing. In 1894 he bought the Harry Case farm of 240 acres, which he operates in connection with the homestead. He was a United States gauger four years, and for ten years has been connected with the government weather bureau, still retaining the latter connection. Mr. Case is a Mason, belonging to Village Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Case was married, in Meadow Plain, Simsbury, Feb. 20, 1861, to Sarah Ruth Case, daughter of Elam, and sister of John Elam Case, of Meadow Plain. They had the following children: Alice M., born Aug. 16, 1862, died Dec. 26, 1863; Cora Belle, born May 23, 1865, is the wife of our subject; George Burton, born Sept. 23, 1867, is a musician of Hartford.

WILLIAM FRANCIS TOLLES, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a popular citizen of Plantsville, was born on West street, Southington, April 11, 1835, a son of Harry and Charlotte (Hitchcock) Tolles.

Mr. Tolles' father was a native of Bethany, Conn., and a son of Squire Tolles, in whose family were thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity. By occupation he was a farmer and sawyer. During the 'twenties he removed to Bristol, Conn., and in 1831 came to Southington, where he died in 1860, at the age of fifty-three years. For his first wife he married Charlotte Hitchcock, a daughter of Alfred and Rachel (Grannis) Hitchcock, of Southington, and by that union two sons were born: William Francis, our subject; and Horace A., who was a member of Company A, 7th Conn. V. I., under Gen. Butler, during the Civil war, and was killed at Bermuda Hundred. The second wife was Harriet M. Hitchcock, a sister of the first, and to them were also born two sons: Charles H. and Frederick D. The latter was also in the service for less than a year during the war of the Rebellion, and died in New York City, in June, 1865.

William F. Tolles grew to manhood in Southington, and is indebted to its public schools and Lewis Academy for his educational advantages. At the age of seventeen he entered the employ of Henry A. Miller, a bolt manufacturer, and was with him and others in that line of business until after the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted, becoming a private in Company E, 20th Conn. V. I. He was promoted to corporal June 1, 1864, and later to corporal of the color guards, participated in all the engagements of his regiment, and was wounded in the battle of Bentonville. After three years of faithful and arduous service on Southern battlefields he was honorably discharged, in 1865, and returned to his home in Southington. Since the war he has been engaged in farming, and in the fish and fruit business, and has also been in the employ of the Atwater Manufacturing Co., the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and since 1883 with the H. D. Smith Co., in the finishing department of their carriage hardware works.

On Feb. 15, 1860, Mr. Tolles was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Finch, a daughter of

Capt. James W. and Polly (Lowly) Finch, of Waterbury, and to this union two children have been born: Bertha A., wife of W. H. States; and Mayme F. Religiously Mr. Tolles is an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and socially is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fllows, the Daughters of Rebekah, and the Grand Army of the Republic, in which latter he is now (1900) serving as post commander. Politically he is a Republican, and for eighteen years has most creditably served as constable of Southington.

CALVIN L. TRACY was born Jan. 29, 1822, on his father's farm in the town of Bolton, Tolland Co., Conn., being the seventh in a family of nine children born to Calvin Tracy and his wife, Sarah Loomis, natives of Coventry, Tolland county. The other children were: Rosanna (who married Asa Manley, and is now deceased), Barnabas, Ripley, Huntington, Mariah, Selden, Royal and Caroline E. Calvin L. is the only member of the family now living.

Calvin L. Tracy was yet a boy when the family moved to Columbia, Conn., and thence to Coventry. He remained with his father until he reached mature years, attending school during the winter months, and working on the farm through the summers, and enjoyed fairly good educational advantages, the instruction received at the common schools being supplemented by a course at a select school and at an academy. When aged nineteen he began teaching, employing the long summer vacations in working at the carpenter's trade. Six years were thus passed, and in 1847 (being then twenty-five years old) he was married to Hannah W. House, of Glastonbury, and removed to Rockville, where he worked at his trade for fourteen years. In 1861 he purchased his present farm of sixty acres, in the town of Manchester, Hartford county, which has ever since been his home, and divides his time between farming and occasional carpenter work.

Calvin L. Tracy has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Hannah House, one of his former pupils, who bore him two children: Sarah is now the wife of George B. Greener, of Norwich, Conn., and Milton S. is superintendent of a hardware manufacturing company at Rocky Hill. The mother of these children died March 21, 1859, and on Jan. 31, 1861, he married her sister, Miss Martha J. House. To the second union have been born four children: Hattie, wife of H. H. G. Ingalls, a paper manufacturer of Castleton, N. Y.; John C., who conducts a jewelry store at Willimantic, Conn.; Elbert H., who died in 1886; and Mary E., wife of Robert Richmond, of South Manchester, Conn., who holds a responsible position with Cheney Brothers.

Politically Mr. Tracy is a Republican, although for many years supporting the Prohibition party. He has never sought office, but served as justice of the peace for one term. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Manchester, in which body he has held various offices, among them being those of deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

ANDREW J. KEENE, a well-known business man of Unionville, is a native of Hartford county, his birth occurring in Southington, May 15, 1874.

Patrick Keene, his father, was born in County West Meath, Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to America, and took up his residence in Southington, Conn., where he worked as a moulder for Peck, Stow, Wilcox & Co., for thirty-eight years. He was a well-educated man, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. In Southington he married Miss Anna A. Brennan, who is still residing at that place. Of the twelve children born to them, our subject is the youngest, and only four are now living: Patrick F., whose present address is No. 19, Park street, Hartford; Mary A. and Margaret L., both of Southington; and Andrew J., our subject.

Andrew J. Keene, beter known as "Doc," was educated in the North Center school of Southington, and for five years worked in the screw shop of the Southington Cutlery Co. Coming to Unionville in 1893, he worked for his brother, Edward W., for three years, and on Feb. 28, 1896, opened the old "Brooklyn House" as a member of the firm of Keene & Haller. Six months later he purchased his partner's interest, and has since been alone in business. In October, 1898, he erected his present building, and has since engaged in the liquor business at that place. On Sept. 1, 1900, he bought the "Plainville Inn," in Plainville, Conn. Although a young man, he has met with remarkable success in his business career, and has already become quite well-to-do. Socially he is a member of the Hartford Lodge of Elks, No. 19, and of the Foresters of America.

Mr. Keene was married at Unionville to Miss Mary A. Morrissey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrissey, and they have two children: Joseph Andrew and Anna Mildred.

MARANTHON H. KEENEY is a native-born son of Connecticut, having been born in Manchester Aug. 9, 1843. His father was Chauncey Keeney, a farmer, who was born in 1795, and died in 1850. His mother was Mary A. Case, who died in 1881, at the ripe age of seventy-three years.

Mr. Keeney can justly lay claim to being a member of a family distinguished for its patriotism. Five sons were born to his parents: Alvin, who died in childhood; Albert W., who served as a private in the 10th Conn. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion, and is now a farmer in the town of Manchester; Hiram G., a prosperous farmer of the same town; Amandor C., who was a private soldier in the 10th Conn. V. I., and fell Oct. 6, 1864; and Maranthon H., a brief sketch of whose life and military service is given below.

The family took up their residence on the same

farm where our subject now resides when he was a lad of eight years. It was there that he received his early education, in the district schools, and it was there that he grew to early manhood. In 1862 his soul had become so enkindled by patriotic enthusiasm that he could remain at home no longer, and on Aug. 12, 1862, he joined the ranks of the privates in Company H, of the 16th Conn. V. I. The regiment was mustered in at Hartford, promptly sent forward to Washington, and received its first "baptism of fire" on the hard-fought field of Antietam. In that battle Mr. Keeney was wounded in the right forearm by a ball from a minie rifle. He was sent to the Lincoln hospital, at Washington, and thence to the convalescent camp at Alexandria, Va., but failing sufficiently to recuperate he was honorably discharged on April 2, 1863. Immediately thereafter he returned to the old farm, where he has lived ever since, and where he still is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits.

On Jan. 11, 1879, Mr. Keeney was married to Miss Susan F. Belknap, and ten children have blessed their union: Alfred H., Cassia M., Irving E., Wilmer E., Chauncey D., Jesse M., Sylvia A., Luna M., Warren B. and Loren A. Mr. Keeney is a Republican in politics, and a member of Drake Post, No. 4, G. A. R., of Manchester.

SHERWOOD FITCH RAYMOND, an active farmer, and one of the most successful and substantial men in Hartford county, comes of an ancestry devoted to agriculture, both his grandfather and father having been farmers.

Lemuel Raymond, grandfather of Sherwood F., was born in Huntington, Mass., and was an influential citizen of Norwich (now Huntington). He married Miss Mary Raymond, who bore him one son, also named Lemuel, the father of Sherwood F. Lemuel Raymond (2) was born in 1796 at Colchester, Conn., was a thrifty and successful farmer, and was held in high esteem in the community in which he lived. He married Miss Minni M. Dowd, born in Madison, Conn., in 1804. Both he and his wife have entered into their reward, Mr. Raymond dying in 1860, and their remains rest in the cemetery at Colchester.

Sherwood F. Raymond was born Aug. 8, 1846, in New London, where his parents resided before removing to Colchester. His early education was obtained at the common schools of the last named place, and this training was supplemented by a two-years' course at Bacon Academy. Even here he showed that high order of intelligence and that deep devotion to principle which have characterized him through life, and have made him esteemed as a friend, a citizen and a man. On leaving school he returned to his father's farm, aiding in the farm work until he attained the age of twenty-one. Upon reaching his majority, however, in the strength and determination of his strong young manhood, he resolved to set about hewing his own way through life, and building his own fortune. Going from Colchester to Berlin he began farming on what was commonly known as the "Deacon Wilcox Homestead," which he later inherited from the Wilcox estate, and to which he has added by purchase until he now owns one of the best farms in the town of Berlin. Mr. Raymond has greatly improved the place, making it one of the most attractive homes on Berlin street, that thoroughfare noted for its handsome and picturesque residences. In addition to his farming interests he is a director in both the Golden Ridge Creamery and the Mattabessett Canning Companies. The first-named was organized in 1890, and has an annual output of 7,000 pounds of butter, marketed in Hartford, Springfield, New Britain and other New England towns. The Mattabessett Co. was incorporated March 2, 1896, and sells its canned vegetables to jobbers in New York, Boston and Springfield. The concern also deals in corrugated iron to a considerable extent. In politics Mr. Raymond is a Republican, although his activity in business has prevented him from taking any prominent part in politics. He has never desired—far less sought—any office.

Mr. Raymond's character exhibits a rare combination of strength and flexibility, of shrewdness with generosity, of personal amiability with unbending moral principle. Liberal in his benefactions, and broadly charitable in his judgment of his fellow men, hospitable, sympathetic, and ever ready to forgive, he is fearless and uncompromising in his maintenance and advocacy of what he believes to be right. Since early manhood he has been a leading member of the Congregational Church, and his daily walk and life have constantly exemplified the sincerity and vitality of his religious profession. The advancement of evangelical Christianity has been more to him than the hope or prospect of worldly gain, and his great influence with his fellow townsmen is due rather to his irreproachable character and blameless life than to the high order of mental ability and sound business sense for which he has always been distinguished. Yet, broad-minded and of aggressive individuality, he has not failed to stamp his impress upon the course of public affairs. In religious matters he has been prominent in both his Society and on the church committee, and in January, 1899, was chosen a deacon. His strength—physical, mental and moral—as well as his worldly wealth, has always been at the command of his Master.

HORACE J. WARD, Judge of the Probate Court, and a well-known resident of Riverton, is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising men of the town of Hartland, and is a worthy representative of a prominent and distinguished family that has been identified with the business interests of Hartford county for many years. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are

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now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises.

The first of the Ward family to leave the old home in England and come to the United States were James and Michael Parker Ward, brothers, who were natives of Yorkshire, and had received only a limited education in the schools there, as their parents were poor. With the hope of bettering their financial condition they came to America to seek their fortune, embarking on a sailing vessel in 1823. The younger, Michael Parker Ward, the father of our subject, was born in 1809, and therefore was a mere lad when he landed in New York, a stranger in a strange land, without a shilling in his pocket. The captain of the ship, taking pity on him, gave him the hospitality of his home until he could make another trip to England, but the boy was ambitious, and did not wish to eat the bread of idleness, so started out to seek employment. Visiting the towns along the Hudson, he at length found work in a calico printing mill, and as his employers noted his willingness to work he was soon given a position in the color department of the factory, where he made himself generally useful. For a time he was employed as helper to the color mixer, who did not wish to impart to the boy the art of mixing colors, but Mr. Ward was very observant, and wishing to learn the business he used all possible means to secure an excellent knowledge of the same. He studied hard at home during his leisure hours, and soon mastered the art. At the early age of twenty he was employed as superintendent of a cotton printing mill in Hudson, N. Y., where he spent two years, having entire charge of all the departments during that time.

In 1831 Michael P. Ward removed to North Adams, Mass., and leased the calico printing mill of Turner & Laflin, who were doing an unprofitable business, and in connection with his brother James formed a partnership under the name of John Ward's Sons. Their great energy and business capacity soon brought them success, and in the space of three years their profits exceeded $60,000. At the termination of three years, Turner & Laflin not wishing to extend the lease, the Wards were compelled, in order to continue their business, to locate elsewhere. Consequently, in 1836, they came to Hartford county, Conn., and at Riverton, town of Hartland, constructed a calico printing mill, in which they invested $60,000. Here business was carried on under the firm name of John Ward & Sons, the father, John Ward, having come to America in 1830. He was superintendent of the outside part of the business. He spent the remainder of his life with his sons, and died in Riverton in 1863. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief an Episcopalian. In his family were seven children: Four sons—James, Peter, Michael Parker and Charles—and three daughters, all of whom came to the New World and died here.

The firm of John Ward & Sons met with remarkable success, doing a business of over $400,000 per year. However, one of their agents in New York embezzled $75,000, which, on account of the stringency of the money market at that time, crippled their business for a time, and forced the firm into an assignment; yet the business was continued under their management, and finally all claims were adjusted satisfactorily with all creditors. The business was continued until 1852, when, on account of lack of transportation facilities, the long distance that the freight had to be carted, and the great changes that railroads brought about, and the general trend of business, the firm was dissolved.

Upon the dissolution of the firm, Michael invested extensively in Western lands and securities, which netted a good profit. He lost a large amount by the great Chicago fire, but his losses did not discourage him, and he finally overcame all obstacles in the path to success. In 1855 he organized the Eagle Company of Riverton, Conn., manufacturers of all kinds of grass and grain scythes, corn knives and grass hooks, of which he was president, manager and agent for many years, and one of its directors during the whole period of its existence. The success which this company enjoyed, and the reputation of their goods, were in a good measure due to the foresight and business judgment of its founder. This company retired from business in 1894, returning to the stockholders full payment for their stock and a handsome dividend besides. Mr. Ward was also interested in the lumber industry in the West, for a number of years operating four steam sawmills, and also an extensive flour-mill.

Michael Ward was a man of exceptionally good business ability, a keen observer, and a fine judge of character. He made and lost three fortunes, yet he managed to save enough to keep him in comfort during his declining years, and leave his family well provided for by his judicious investments. He was well known throughout the New England States as a prudent and capable business man, whose word was as good as his bond. Kind and genial in disposition, he made many friends, and had the happy faculty of being able to retain them. He served as selectman of the town and represented Hartland in the State Legislature, and could have held any office in the gift of the people of his community, but his ambition was not along political lines. He was a supporter of the Republican party, and a consistent member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Ward died at his home in Riverton in 1894, honored and respected by all who knew him, and he was laid to rest in Riverton cemetery. In North Adams, Mass., he had married Miss Sarah Ormold, a native of Lancashire, England, who died in 1888, and was also buried in Riverton cemetery. She was a good Christian woman, a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. To this worthy couple were born thirteen children: Sarah, de-

ceased; Peter, who died young; Mary J., deceased; John, at home; Josephine, wife of ex-Gov. Lorman Cook, of Connecticut; George, a resident of Riverton, Litchfield Co., Conn.; Horace J., our subject; Charles, deceased; Victoria, wife of Clayton H. Case, of Hartford; Emma, at home; Isabelle, wife of Frank Gates, a druggist of Winsted, Litchfield county; Clarence, at home, who has served as selectman of the town of Hartland, and in 1894 was elected judge of probate for two years; and William, a resident of Denver, Colorado.

Horace J. Ward, whose name introduces this review, was born in Riverton, Hartford county, June 17, 1845, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of that town, after which he was for three years a student in the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield. In 1878, in company with his brothers William and George, he embarked in the manufacture of paper, under the firm name of Ward Bros., and they expended $20,000 in converting a cloth printing mill into a desirable plant for their business. Later, when this was destroyed by fire, they erected another mill, and continued business there quite successfully until 1893, when they sold out to a Massachusetts firm. Since then our subject has devoted his attention to his private interests. He seems to have inherited much of his father's business ability, and has always carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. Since attaining his majority he has been actively identified with local political affairs, first as a Democrat, but since 1876 as a stanch supporter of the Republican party. In 1870 he was elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1892, and served the citizens of the town of Hartland well and faithfully for two terms. He has also been selectman for several terms, and the cause of education has always found in him a firm friend. In 1896 he was elected probate judge, to succeed his brother Clarence, and has since filled that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. His decisions are always fair and impartial, and he is absolutely fearless in the discharge of his duties.

JOEL AUSTIN GRIDLEY, one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of Southington, was born in that town March 11, 1831. His father, Solomon D. Gridley, was also born in Southington, July 14, 1805, and was married, Nov. 24, 1829, to Miss Wealthy P. Dunham, a daughter of Sylvanus and Theodosia (Peck) Dunham. The children born of that union were Joel A.; George C.; Solomon H.; Sarah B.; Charles A.; Wealthy Ann, wife of Frederick Woodruff; and Wilmer D.

Joel Gridley, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Southington in 1777, and was married, Oct. 25, 1802, to Amanda Woodruff, daughter of Amos and Phebe (Hart) Woodruff. He died Aug. 26, 1821, and she died Feb. 27, 1870, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His father, Noah Gridley, was born in 1722, and was married, Aug. 15, 1751, to Sarah, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah and Hannah (Burnham) Curtiss. Noah Gridley died May 15, 1811, at the age of ninety years, and his wife departed this life Aug. 6, 1806. He was a son of Joseph Gridley, who was born in Farmington in 1684, and married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Lewis. He made his home in Southington, where he died Dec. 7, 1770, aged eighty-six years. His father, Samuel Gridley, was born in Hartford Nov. 25, 1647, but was reared in Farmington, where he died in 1712. Prior to 1680 he married Esther Thompson, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Wells) Thompson, of Farmington. After her death he was again married, Dec. 1, 1798, his second union being with Mary Humphrey, of Simsbury. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a man of considerable prominence, his name occurring frequently in Colonial records. His father, Thomas Gridley, was the progenitor of the family in America. He came from the County of Essex, England, in 1631, and first located in Massachusetts, but in 1639 came to Hartford, and was at Windsor Sept. 5, 1639, being one of the thirty men sent from Windsor to the Pequot war under Capt. Mason. Sept. 29, 1644, he was married, in Hartford, to Mary Seymour. He appears to have been interested in the settlement of Nonatuck (Northampton), Mass., but he died in Hartford in 1655.

Joel A. Gridley, the subject of this review, grew to manhood on the farm where he now resides, and early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His literary education was obtained in the common schools, Lewis Academy, the Connecticut Literary Institute, of Suffield, and Madison University, of Hamilton, N. Y., and he was thus well fitted for life's responsible duties. His principal occupation since leaving school has been that of farming, and most of his life has been spent on the old homestead.

On Oct. 23, 1860, Mr. Gridley wedded Miss Mary Ruth Arnold, a daughter of Ethan and Mary A. (Thompson) Arnold, of Manchester, Conn., and to them were born three children: Genevra A., wife of Frank W. Dunham; Emmons D.; and Howard E., deceased. Religiously Mr. Gridley is a member of the Baptist Church of New Britain, and politically he is connected with the Democratic party.

HON. ALBERT A. BARNES, who for a decade and more has been the efficient superintendent of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., of East Berlin, and who throughout his mature life has been one of the substantial men and useful citizens of the town, was born Jan. 7, 1845.

Levi R. Barnes, our subject's father, was a native of Southington, born in 1807, learned the business of clock making, and was one of the first to engage in the manufacture of the old-style timepiece of that period in his section of the country.

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His factory occupied the site of the present Dudley mill, in East Berlin. His wife, who was formerly Miss Julia A. Wilcox, was a native of Berlin, born, in 1812. Their marriage was blessed with children as follows: Malvina; Rodolphus, who for years was chief engineer of the Panama Railroad Co.'s steamers at Panama; Lyman W.; and Albert A.; all are now deceased excepting the subject of this sketch. The parents of these children were good, substantial people, plain and unassuming, who held the esteem and respect of the community in which they lived. Mr. Barnes' death occurred in 1880, and his wife passed away in 1864.

Albert A. Barnes passed his early boyhood in and attended the public schools of his native town. At the early age of fourteen he began the struggle of life for himself, as a clerk in a store in Middletown, receiving for his services the first year his board and $30 in cash. Leaving his employers at the end of the year, he returned to East Berlin, and for a short time was in the employ of the Roys & Wilcox Co. From here he went to Hartford, and for about one year worked in the Sharps Rifle Factory. From Hartford he went to New Haven, and for another year he was occupied in the works of the Whitney Fire Arms Co. Following this he was for a brief period otherwise engaged in labor at New Haven and Middletown, then again entered the employ of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., of East Berlin, his duties being in the packing room. A year later he accepted the position of passenger and freight agent at East Berlin, being the first freight agent at that point, and he also sold the first ticket for passenger transportation from that depot. He most efficiently performed the duties here devolving upon him for eleven years, gaining popularity, and establishing a reputation as an obliging and accommodating agent. In 1887 Mr. Barnes was tendered and accepted the position of superintendent of the works at East Berlin of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., a position he has since most creditably filled, showing executive ability of high order.

Politically Mr. Barnes has been identified with the Democratic party, and such has been his fitness for public business and his popularity that he has been favored with nearly all of the various town offices. In 1878 he was elected to the General Assembly and was a member of that body at the time of the holding of the last session in the old State House at Hartford, and the first in the new one. For a period of ten years he served as president of the board of education of Berlin. His religious connections are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was one of the first members of the society in the town, and for twenty-one years served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a member of the K. P. lodge at East Berlin, and has served as chancellor commander of same a number of terms. He was the first vice-president of the East Berlin Building Association, and the first president of the Mattabessett Canning Co. Few men have more friends and enjoy greater popularity, and deservedly so, than the subject of this sketch.

On June 9, 1869, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Emilie Bunce, of East Berlin, Conn., a daughter of George and Harriet (Bulkeley) Bunce, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. She received her education in the public schools of East Berlin. To this marriage have come three children: Winifred E., who was graduated in the class of 1896 from the New Britain high school; Mabelle W., who was graduated from the New Britain high school in 1897, and is a member of the class of 1901 at Wesleyan University, Middletown; and Albert Delos. The family reside in a neat and comfortable home built to suit their own tastes, located on Main street. The parents also own the property adjoining them, in which reside the family of Julius B. Barnes, son of the late Rodolphus Barnes, and the adopted child of our subject. He married Grace Frary, and is now connected with the American Bridge Co. in New York City.

HON. CHARLES A. ENSIGN, secretary and treasurer of the Tariffville Lace Co., of Hartford county, was born in the village of Tariffville March 31, 1850, and is a son of Dr. Charles W. and Melissa (Case) Ensign, who were the parents of two children: Charles A., the subject of this sketch; and Laura, who was married to Samuel F. Cadwell, of Hartford, in which city she died in 1887.

Dr. Charles W. Ensign was a son of Austin and Laura (Beach) Ensign, and of him it was written, in the "Memorial History of Hartford County," 1886, as follows: "Dr. Charles W. Ensign was born in West Hartland. He was graduated in 1844 from the University of the City of New York, and commenced the practice of medicine in Tariffville, town of Simsbury, the same year, as an Old-school physician. He became a Fellow of the Connecticut Medical Society, enjoyed the esteem of his brother practitioners, and was respected in the community in which he lived. Becoming convinced of the truth and value of the homeopathic system in 1855, he openly practiced according to its principles, and in consequence was expelled from his society. In 1857 he joined the Connecticut Homeopathic Society, and remained a member until his death."

The Ensign family originated in England, and can be traced back as far as 1563. Its arms appear in the church at Childham, where Ensign Manor is located, near the cathedral town of Canterbury, and the name was well-known in the counties of Essex, Norfolk and Kent. James Ensign was the first of the name to come to America. His first location was at Cambridge, Mass., but in 1634 he came to Hartford with Rev. Thomas Hooker's colony. He died in November, 1670, his wife Sarah passing away in May, 1676. Their son David, the first of the name born in Hartford county, was the pro-

genitor of the generations which have since been born here.

Charles A. Ensign attended school in Tariffville until fourteen years old, and then went to Muscatine, Iowa, and for some time was there employed as a clerk, but failing health compelled his return to Connecticut. Here he learned carpentering under a Mr. Shaw, and in 1876 again went West to engage in bridge construction along the line of the Louisville & Nashville railroad. He returned to Connecticut to take charge of the bridge building department of the New England railway. In 1884 he returned to Tariffville and began business as a contractor and builder, and some of the finest homes in Hartford county, including his own attractive home at the corner of Elm and Center streets, Tariffville, stand to-day as monuments of his care and skill. In July, 1898, Mr. Ensign became identified with a business concern which was superseded by the Tariffville Manufacturing Co., and in February, 1899, was one of the incorporators of the Tariffville Lace Co., of which he is now the secretary and treasurer.

While not too strongly partisan, Mr. Ensign is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and in 1874 was elected to the General Assembly from Simsbury; he was at that time the youngest member of that august body, being but twenty-four years of age. He is a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M., at Simsbury, and a charter member of the K. of P. Lodge at the same place. He married Mrs. Sarah Toy Curtiss, a daughter of the late Joseph Toy, who comes from one of the most respected families of Simsbury, of which village Mr. Ensign is one of the most progressive and valued citizens, ever holding the best interests of the community at heart, and ever ready to respond, when called upon, to aid, financially and otherwise, any project designed to promote the welfare of the public.

HOWARD MERRITT STEELE, one of the prosperous young business men of New Britain, directed his education largely toward a commercial and business training, believing that practical knowledge is the more valuable, yet he did not neglect those more general lines of study the aim of which is mental training.

Mr. Steele was born in New Britain Aug. 24, 1872, son of Dwight Newell Steele, and attended the schools of his native place until he had reached the middle year of the high-school course. Then for two years, in 1888 and 1889, he attended Doane College, at Crete, Neb., taking an elective course, choosing studies in part with a view to a business career. After leaving school he worked for his uncles for a time, and was then for three years assistant bookkeeper for Landers, Frary & Clark. He was promoted to the position of bookkeeper, which he retained for two years, and had not yet reached his twenty-first birthday when he had under him two bookkeepers. The position was a most excellent one for a young man of his age, but he was obliged to relinquish it on account of failing eyesight.

Mr. Steele then formed a partnership with a Mr. Lyons, in the wholesale and retail grain trade, at the corner of Biglow and Chestnut streets, New Britain, and six months later sold out to his partner. In March, 1895, he purchased the livery and boarding stables of W. T. Holbrook, assigned, and renamed them the "Park Stables," of which he is still proprietor, in addition operating the electric express, in connection with the Connecticut Lighting & Power Co. He owns the largest barn in New Britain, and also the largest boarding stables, having eighteen horses and twenty-two boarders. He has six hacks, and is prepared to supply any demand. Mr. Steele has been successful in all the branches of business in which he has engaged. He applies himself to his business, and owes his success to his individual efforts. He is a member of Lexington Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F.; the O. U. A. M.; and Harmony Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M.

In September, 1893, Mr. Steele was married to Miss Minnie Rhodes, daughter of Franklin Rhodes, the ice dealer of New Britain, and a member of an old Connecticut family. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele has been born one child, Ruth.

THOMAS STANDISH, of Wethersfield, Conn., was one of the early settlers of the town, 1631-1635, having been naturally attracted to the fertile valley of the Connecticut by popular interest at the time. He is supposed to have been a nephew of Miles Standish of Puritan fame, and came to this country soon after the founding of Plymouth. There is a marked characteristic resemblance between the descendants of this branch and the descendants of Miles Standish. Little is known of the family, except that they were of nobility, being of the Standishes of Duxbury and Standish Hall, England.

Thomas Standish was an influential citizen, and by the first records of the town owned extensive property. He served the Colony in the Pequot war, and received a grant of land in 1671, on that account, a part of which is still in the possession of his descendants. He died here Dec. 5, 1692, at the ripe age of eighty years, and his wife, Susannah, died Nov. 30, 1692, at the age of sixty-eight. They had three children: (1) Thomas, (2) Sarah, and (3) Eunice.

Their only son, Thomas Standish, Jr., spent his entire life in Wethersfield as a general farmer, and his remains were interred in the Wethersfield cemetery. He was married, March 20, 1690, to Mary Church, a native of Hartford, and a daughter of Thomas Church. By that union he had four children: (1) Thomas, born March 10, 1691, died single, 1749; (2) John, born Aug. 11, 1693; (3) Eunice, born May 31, 1698, married Capt.

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John Williams; and (4) Josiah, born April 8, 1701, married Hannah Butler. The wife and mother died Jan. 20, 1705, and Thomas Standish was again married, Oct. 26, 1709, his second union being with Rebecca Hunn, by whom he had two children: (1) Rebecca and (2) Jeremiah (twins), born Dec. 22, 1709 (Rebecca married Hezekiah Butler; Jeremiah married Hannah Wise. To them were born three children: Hannah, Oct. 24, 1768; Josiah, Aug. 27, 1770; Lois, Oct. 9, 1772).

Josiah Standish, a son of Thomas, Jr., was born on the home farm in Wethersfield, and throughout life followed agricultural pursuits there. On March 27, 1733, he married Hannah Butler, who was born in Wethersfield Sept. 26, 1705, a daughter of James and Hannah (Edwards) Butler, and died July 8, 1744. They had three children: (1) John, born March 2, 1735; (2) Hannah, wife of Lemuel Deming, born March 22, 1739; (3) James, born Jan. 22, 1742, died unmarried April 18, 1817.

John Standish, son of Josiah and Hannah (Butler) Standish, lived to see the American people gain their independence, and his sympathies were with the Colonies in their efforts to throw off the yoke of British oppression. He was widely known and highly respected, and was a man of prominence in his community. He died July 29, 1798. On May 21, 1785, at the age of fifty years, he married a neighbor, Eunice Tryon, daughter of Abijah and Eunice Frances Tryon, born March 17, 1763, died Dec. 18, 1837, at the age of twenty-two, whom he had waited for, having told her mother that she was a fine baby and he would wait for her. To them were born seven children, as follows: (1) Hannah, born July 1, 1786, was killed by a sleigh Jan. 20, 1789; (2) Josiah, born Jan. 29, 1788, died April 20, 1790; (3) John, born March 29, 1790, married Namoni Crawford, and removed to Bridgeport, Conn. (they had five children, Laura, Harriett, Eunice Frances, Nancy and James Tryon); (4) Nancy, born April 12, 1792, married Jared Butler, of Wethersfield (they had three children, Josiah, born Aug. 11, 1813; Lucy Ann, born Dec. 25, 1815; and Jared, born Aug. 20, 1818); (5) James, born Feb. 2, 1794, married Cynthia Wells; (6) Laura, born Aug. 1, 1795, married Capt. Timothy Griswold April 19, 1821 (had three children, Jane, Myles Standish and Isabella); (7) Josiah, born Aug. 29, 1798, died young.

James Standish throughout life was engaged in farming on the old homestead in Jordan Lane, and was also interested in dairying and stock raising. He made many improvements upon his farm, and was noted for his industry and honorable dealings. He was well read, and took a deep interest in educational affairs; was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party; was liberal in his religious views; temperate in habit and genial in disposition. He died upon his farm Jan. 12, 1871, and was laid to rest in Wethersfield cemetery. He was married, April 2, 1826, to Miss Cynthia Wells, a daughter of Jonathan Wells, descendant of Gov. Wells, of Hartford. She was born Feb. 26, 1799, and died March 16, 1885. In their family were seven children, namely: (1) James, born Jan. 27, 1827, married Jerusha Griswold Nov. 26, 1854; (2) Cynthia, born 1829, died unmarried; (3) Capt. John Newton, born Nov. 19, 1831, died May 18, 1888, married Abigal M., daughter of Levi and Abigal Griswold Churchill, April 4, 1855, and they removed to Bridgeport (they had six children, John N., born Feb. 3, 1856; Miles Shephen, born Oct. 9, 1857; Rose Maria, born Dec. 13, 1860; Harriett Isabella, born Nov. 30, 1863; George Wells, born Aug. 14, 1865; and Frank Ernest, born Nov. 25, 1869, died Feb. 19, 1881); (4) Ira, born July 5, 1833, died Dec. 30, 1895, married Sarah, daughter of Levi and Sarah Larkin Warner (to them were born five children, Annie, born April 26, 1863, died May 6, 1879; Alice, born May 9, 1865; Minnie, born Aug. 11, 1868; Bertha, born March 28, 1870; and Rose, born June 13, 1875); (5) Mary Louise, born 1836; and (6) Nancy, born 1838, both unmarried and living in Wethersfield; and (7) Annie Rose, born Feb., 1842, died Aug. 22, 1851.

James Standish was reared on the old homestead in Jordan Lane, and was educated in the district schools of Wethersfield and the Wethersfield Academy. He also studied civil engineering and surveying, and prepared himself for school teaching. On hearing that his brother John had failed to pass the teacher's examination before the board of education at Farmington, he resolved that he would secure a teacher's certificate, and accordingly one winter day walked across the country through the woods from Wethersfield to Farmington, passed a successful examination, and got the school. For some time he taught through the winter months, while in summer he engaged in farming and also surveying. After his marriage he located on Hartford avenue, near the State prison. He has since made many improvements upon his place, and has successfully engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying. He is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, but has never sought political honors. He is liberal in religious views, and is widely known and highly respected.

On Nov. 26, 1854, Mr. Standish married Miss Jerusha Griswold, a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Churchill) Griswold, and to them were born nine children: (1) Thomas, sketch of whom follows. (2) Wyllys Wells, sketch of whom follows: (3) James, born Oct. 27, 1859, died Aug. 3, 1861. (4) Jonathan Edward and (5) Mary Elizabeth (twins), born Sept. 13, 1863; Jonathan married Harriett, daughter of David and Harriett Taylor, April 15, 1896 (have one child, Marian, born Feb. 13, 1898); Mary married Charles C. Hart, of Rocky Hill, April 21, 1886 (have three children, Frank Standish, born Sept. 9, 1887; William Griswold, born July 26, 1892; and Everett Herbert, born July 10, 1894).

(6) Jared Butler, born Sept. 4, 1866, married Martha Louise, daughter of Charles and Eliza Densmore Perkins, of Bridgewater, Vt., Jan. 30, 1895 (they have one child, Erland Myles, born Oct. 13, 1896). (7) Hannah Tryon, born Nov. 15, 1868, married Arthur W. Howard, M. D., Oct. 10, 1894 (they have one child, Mildred Standish, born April 19, 1898). (8) James Herbert, sketch of whom follows. (9) Emma Louise, born Feb. 3, 1877 is unmarried.

Thomas Standish was born in Wethersfield Oct. 1, 1855, and attended the district schools and the academy of Wethersfield, also the Hartford Public High School. In 1876 he and his brother Wyllys opened a store in Wethersfield, but at the end of five years he sold his interest in the business and moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he spent one year. On his return to Wethersfield he was engaged in the carriage business for five years, and in May, 1892, was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Birkery Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, which positions he has since most creditably filled. He is a Knight Templar, member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hartford, and belongs to the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and at one time was the nominee of his party for representative from Wethersfield, but failed of election as the Republican party is largely in the majority here. He was married, in Wethersfield, April 14, 1892, to H. Leila Bailey, daughter of Arnold and Nancy (Lockwood) Bailey, and they have two children: Lorea, born Feb. 24, 1893; and Helen Lockwood, born April 9, 1898.

Wyllys Wells Standish, son of James, born in Wethersfield Nov. 24, 1857, was educated at the district schools and the academy of Wethersfield. He was connected in the grocery and ice business with his brother Thomas from 1876 to 1881, when the partnership was mutually dissolved. He continued it alone for a few years, then selected the ice business, which he has carried on since. Mr. Standish was married, Aug. 14, 1878, to Carrie M., daughter of Asa and Mary E. White, of Plainfield, N. J. They have three children: Harry Asa, born June 21, 1880, and Frederick White, born Oct. 29, 1882, both employed in the office of the Central New England R. R.; and Guilford Wells, born May 23, 1885, living at home in Wethersfield. Mr. Standish, politically, is a Democrat, and is an influential member of that party. He has held the office of committeeman of the public school in his district for several years, and also serves the public as justice of the peace. He is a member of Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hartford.

Dr. James H. Standish, the youngest son, was born in Wethersfield Dec. 9, 1871, and began his education in the district schools. Later he was graduated from the Wethersfield high schools and then entered the Collins street classical school of Hartford, where he prepared for college. In 1892 he entered the Medical University of New York City, from which he graduated in 1895, and then spent one year in the Childrens and Infants hospital on Randall's Island (New York), after which he returned to Hartford, where he has since been successfully engaged in practice. He is a member of the City, County and State Medical Socities, and of the I. O. O. F. He was married, June 14, 1898, to Nettie Grace Adams, a native of Baltimore, and a graduate of the Western Female Seminary of that city. She is a daughter of George C. and Hannah M. (Snow) Adams. The Doctor and his wife have one child, Welles Adams, born June 7, 1899. In politics the Doctor is a Republican in religion he and his wife are Congregationalists.

HART. The branch of the Hart family of which the late George Hart, of New Britain, was a descendant, and of which the latter's son, William Henry Hart, now a prominent citizen of that city, where for years he has been identified with the manufacturing company known as the Stanley Works (of which he is president), is a distinguished member, is one of the oldest as it is also one of the most prominent families of Connecticut.

William H. Hart is in the eighth generation from Deacon Stephen Hart, his first American ancestor, the line of his descent being through Stephen Hart (2), Stephen (3), Daniel, Stephen (4), Stephen (5), and George.

(I) Deacon Stephen Hart, born about 1605, at Braintree, County of Essex, England, came to Massachusetts Bay about 1632, and located for a time at Cambridge, Mass., being one of the fifty-four settlers at that point. He became a proprietor at Hartford, Conn., in 1639, and was one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington, Conn., in 1672.

(II) Stephen Hart (2), son of Deacon Stephen Hart, born at Braintree, County of Essex, England, located at Farmington, Conn., where he was made a freeman in May, 1654.

(III) Stephen Hart (3), son of Stephen Hart (2), born in 1662 in Farmington, married, in 1689, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Cowles.

(IV) Daniel Hart, son of Stephen Hart (3), born in 1707, in Farmington, married, in 1734, Abigail, daughter of Thomas Thompson, and lived in New Britain, Connecticut.

(V) Stephen Hart (4), son of Daniel Hart, born in 1744 in New Britain, married, in 1767, Rhoda, daughter of Charles Stedman, of Wethersfield, Conn. He was a farmer, and lived in Stanley Quarter at the foot of Clark Hill.

(VI) Stephen Hart (5), son of Stephen Hart (4), and the father of the late George Hart, of New Britain, was born Oct. 21, 1775, in New Britain, married, June 25, 1797, Sally, daughter of Ezra and Lucy (Stanliff) White, of Chatham, Conn., born June 14, 1775. He was a farmer, and lived at the old home of his father and grandfather, at the foot of Clark Hill in Stanley Quarter.

He died in 1816, his wife passing away in 1859. Their children were: Stephen, Edmund, George, Emily, Philip, William, Henry and Ebenezer.

The late George Hart, of New Britain, son of Stephen Hart (5), and the father of President William Henry Hart, was born March 16, 1801, in Stanley Quarter, New Britain, Conn., and there passed the early years of his life before going to West Hartford, where he passed three years in learning the shoemaker's trade. This completed, young Hart began his business career by purchasing a stock of shoes, which he conveyed by wagon to Augusta, Ga., where he sold out his stock during the winter and returned the following year to New Britain. Later, in New Britain, he engaged in the manufacture of coffee-mills, in which, however, he was not successful; then entered the employ of the brass works of North & Stanley, and worked over hours to liquidate the indebtedness of some $600.00 incurred in the previous coffee-mill venture. Not content as an employe, the young man later and before the day of railroads established a daily stage express and freight line to Hartford, in which business his tact, enterprise and fidelity brought him success. For many years he carried nearly all the passengers, express and frieght between these two places. He continued this business with strict fidelity and care until the completion of the New Haven and Hartford railroad in 1839, when he transferred his teaming and stage line to the little station east of Rhodes place known as Green Swamp. After the completion of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad, Jan. 1, 1850, Mr. Hart was appointed station master for New Britain, and did most of the trucking to and from the station. He also ran an omnibus line for a number of years to Berlin Junction until the building of the New Britain branch road in 1865. By that time he acquired a competency, and was not thereafter engaged in active business, except farming on a small scale. During his active life Mr. Hart was a very industrious and hard-working man. He was of temperate habits, possessed of great physical endurance, also blessed with a rugged constitution, and, not until the failure of his eyesight and the infirmities of age laid him aside, could he be content to give up employment.

Mr. Hart united with the Church of Christ in New Britain Aug. 6, 1831, and was one of the 120 original members who formed the South Congregational Church, and was the last surviving male member of that number. Mr. Hart lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying Oct. 27, 1891. At that time the New Britain *Daily Herald* said: "Mr. Hart was a man of great simplicity of character, and frankness combined with a high sense of honor and the strictest integrity."

On March 2, 1826, Mr. Hart married Mary Griswold, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Griswold) Andrews. She was born Oct. 22, 1809, and died Aug. 10, 1831. To this marriage was born one son, Charles, who died Feb. 27, 1837, at the age of ten years. Mr. Hart married (second) Sept. 11, 1832, Elizabeth F., daughter of Cyrus and Nancy (North) Booth. She was born Oct. 31, 1811, and died April 25, 1862. To this marriage was born one son, William Henry. Mr. Hart married (third), May 6, 1863, Elizabeth, widow of William Perry, of South Windsor, and daughter of Job Elsworth, of East Windsor. She was born Sept. 21, 1823.

William Henry Hart, son of George and Elizabeth F. (Booth) Hart, acquired his education in the public schools of New Britain, being a student therein at the time of the organization of the High School department. His studies were somewhat interrupted, however, as a portion of each day was spent in assisting his father in his duties as station agent of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad, mainly in the bookkeeping department from 1850 to 1854, and in this capacity we find him selling tickets at the station in New Britain at the opening of the road from Willimantic to Bristol Jan. 1, 1850.

It is with the Stanley Works, however, that Mr. Hart is best and most widely known, as he has been connected with that company for nearly half a century. On May 16, 1854, two years after the founding of the Stanley Works, William H. Hart, at the age of nineteen years, was elected secretary and treasurer of that corporation, and has held the latter position until the present time. For forty years the general management of the business has fallen upon his shoulders. For the first twenty-five years it was a hard struggle to overcome the disadvantages of insufficient capital, undesirable location as regards freighting facilities, lack of experienced workmen in sheet metal, coupled with the difficulty of securing a market for the product in competition with an old and well-established manufacturer in a good locality and with abundant capital. In later years he has been ably assisted by the officers of the company, his five sons and his son-in-law. Mr. Hart was elected president Feb. 14, 1885, continuing in that capacity to the present time. His whole buiness life has been coincident with the growth of the Stanley Works. At the outset of their business career, the capital of the company was $30,000. This has been increased from time to time, until now the nominal capital is $500,000, but the actual aggregate is over one million dollars. It has increased its operating force from about twenty in 1852 and 1853 to about 1,200 in 1900.

Mr. Hart is a member of the South Congregational Church, and was elected clerk and treasurer in 1857. He has been a director of the New Britain National Bank for more than thirty years, and is now the senior member of that body. He is a member of the board of managers of the New Britain Institute, and was president of the New Britain Club in 1898-99. He is also a member of the ex-

ecutive committee of the New Britain General Hospital, and is now president of the Young Mens Christian Association.

On Sept. 19, 1855, Mr. Hart married Martha Peck, who was born in New Britain May 12, 1837, daughter of Elnathan and Mary (Dewey) Peck. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hart are as follows: (1) Charles W. (deceased), born Aug. 8, 1858, died July 25, 1875. (2) George P., born Aug. 22, 1860, married Mary Doen, daughter of Edward and Helen (Bassette) Doen, of New Britain; they have three children, Margaret, Mervin Stanley and Donald Richards. (3) Howard Stanley, born July 9, 1867, married Bessie Stanley, daughter of James and Minerva Wilcox (Case) Stanley, of New Britain; their children are Alice, William H. and Stanley. (4) Martha Elizabeth, born May 9, 1869, is the wife of E. Allen Moore, son of Nelson A. and Ann M. (Pickett) Moore, of Kensington; they have two children, Barbara and Allen. (5) Edward Herbert, born Oct. 12, 1870. (6) Maxwell Stansbury, born April 15, 1873, married Louise, daughter of Theodore E. and Louise (Lockwood) Smith, of New Britain. (7) Walter H., born Aug. 4, 1874, married Louisa Chamberlain, daughter of the late Judge V. B. Chamberlain and his wife, Anna (Smith) Chamberlain, of New Britain.

CHARLES HOOKER RISLEY. Connecticut has won an eminent place in the nation by virtue of her manufactures, superiority in which is due to the inventiveness of her people. It is not uncommon perhaps to meet within the borders of the State a "natural-born" mechanic, but wherever found they are fitly regarded as the rich material from which greatness is developed. The subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Berlin, is the possessor of mechanical aptitude of a high order. His life has been full of achievement, change and progress. Combined with energy, his talents have made his life a busy one, though interrupted at times by failing health.

Mr. Risley was born Nov. 27, 1853, in a house he still owns and until recently occupied, located in the southern part of Berlin, on the turnpike from Meriden to New Berlin, son of William Hollister and Mary Elizabeth (Hooker) Risley, and grandson of Shubal and Ann (Hollister) Risley. The grandfather was a farmer of Berlin and a citizen of prominence, serving as selectman, justice of the peace, and in other local positions of trust. He was born Dec. 17, 1795, and died Oct. 29, 1852. William Hollister Risley, the father of our subject, was born in Berlin, and was a well-to-do farmer of that town, a stanch Democrat in politics, and active in public affairs. He served three times in the State Legislature as member from Berlin, and was repeatedly elected selectman of the town. For his first wife he married Myrana Wilcox, of Westfield, Conn., and for his second wife Mary Elizabeth Hooker, the mother of our subject, a native of Kensington, daughter of Seth and Electa (Leonard) Hooker, and a descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker, who settled in Hartford in 1636. Her ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary army. She died when her son, Charles Hooker Risley, was only nine days old, and was buried in the South cemetery, Berlin. For his third wife the father of our subject married Frances Miles, of Meriden, who is yet living, a resident of Kensington.

Charles Hooker Risley attended the schools of Berlin until he was eighteen years old. He then took charge of the saw and feed mills owned by his father, and later was for eighteen months a salesman in the hardware and crockery store of Birdsey & Miles, at Meriden. Returning home for a short time, he decided to learn the printing trade. Entering the employment of William Kelsey, who dealt in printing material, he was given at the expiration of one year full charge of the printing department, resigning this position six months later and starting a printing establishment at Berlin. Beginning with hand power, he continued to improve until he had at Berlin a thoroughly equipped plant, which he operated successfully for several years, during which time he did all the printing for the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. In 1884 he removed his plant to Meriden, and in partnership with his brother, William Miles Risley, operated a large printing establishment. In 1885 he purchased his brother's interest, and for another year operated the plant alone, but ill health, superinduced by overwork, obliged him to give up his business. He returned to Berlin, and after a period of time devoted to recuperation accepted the position of general superintendent and engineer in the office of the *Phoenix*, at Southington. Six months later he resigned his position to take charge of the mill at Berlin, which he purchased, converting it into a jobbing plant, putting in circular saws, and operating it until 1896, when on account of ill health he closed the plant. The same year he removed to the junction of the road near his home the building he had occupied as a printing office, and converted it into a "Bicycle Rest," dealing also in confectionery, cigars, tobacco, notions, etc. In May, 1900, Mr. Risley settled in Berlin village, on property he recently purchased of Miss Kate North, known as the Booth place. He still owns his farm and the mill, both located in the town of Berlin.

On June 10, 1892, Mr. Risley was married to Miss Harriet Abigail Beckley, daughter of Ralph H. and Abigail Beckley, of Meriden, her father being the second son of Squire Luther Beckley, of Berlin. Squire Luther Beckley was born Oct. 11, 1778, and was one of the best-known men of Berlin in his day. He founded the first Sunday-school ever organized in Berlin, and was also prominent in Masonic circles. In 1803 he married Sarah Flagg, who was born Aug. 10, 1785. He died Jan. 11, 1841. The Beckleys are among the oldest residents of Berlin, and descendants of early pioneers. Will-

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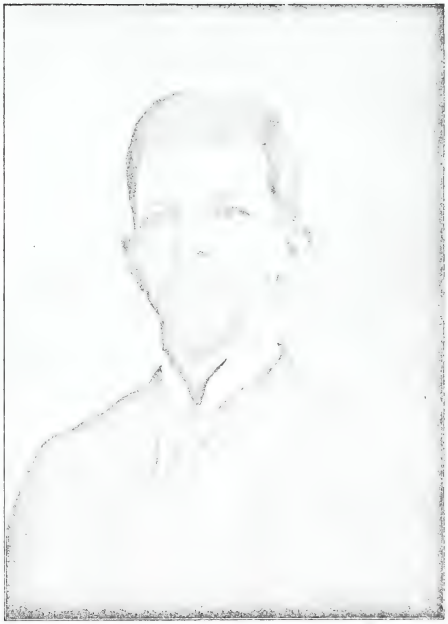

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iam Beckley, of Torrington, youngest son of Squire Luther Beckley, and the only survivor of his large family, has in his possession the original grant of land given to Richard Beckley, the first Beckley who came from England, the grant being given by the King with the specification that there should be a public house kept on said land. The house was erected in the year 1658, and kept as a public house for eighty-seven years, always remaining in the Beckley family.

Our subject was an incorporator of the Berlin Savings Bank, and is one of its present directors. He was one of the chief promoters of the Golden Ridge Creamery, and is now a stockholder in the company. He is also a director in the Mattabessett Canning Co. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. Mrs. Risley is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he is an ardent and liberal supporter. Both are active and prominent in Grange work, members of Berlin Grange, No. 24, in which Mr. Risley has held all the offices and was master for one year, in 1898; and are also members of the State and National Grange. Among the fraternal orders he holds active membership in the Masonic Order at Meriden; the Ancient Order of Foresters at Meriden; Good Shepherd Lodge; and Pequot Council, No. 24, O. U. A. M., of Berlin, in which he holds the office of treasurer.

NEWTON R. HURLBURT, first selectman of New Britain in 1899, has, by the practice of those qualities which inspire confidence and respect among his fellow men, risen almost silently and without ostentation in the public esteem until he is now held to be one of its foremost and most sterling citizens. He has made his own way, unaided by extraneous circumstances, and, by his own force of character and the high type of patient, modest citizenship he exemplified, he has won a way to the hearts and esteem of his numerous friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Hurlburt's great-grandfather shouldered a musket and fought for liberty during the Revolutionary struggle. His grandfather was a substantial farmer of Wethersfield, Conn., who died leaving three sons and four daughters: Belden and John, lifelong residents of Wethersfield; James, father of our subject; Hannah; Laura (Mrs. Charles Mitchell); Jerusha (who married Mr. Chappel); and Abigail (who married Mr. Ward).

James Hurlburt was a native of Wethersfield. He followed farming, first in his native town and then in Bloomfield, whence after a residence of two years he removed to New Britain, where, in the Stanley Quarter, he purchased a farm of about seventy-five acres and lived for ten years. He removed to North Guilford, and there spent the balance of his life. James Hurlburt was a man of quiet manner, careful and prompt in business affairs, industrious and successful in the management of his land. He was a representative citizen, not active in political life, but alive to public duty, and in political opinion a Democrat. He married Harriet Deming, of Newington (then Wethersfield), who bore him children as follows: Fanny, who married Ralph Griswold, of Middletown, Conn.; Harriet, wife of John S. Watrous, of Middletown; Newton R., subject of this sketch; Henry, of Middletown; James, who was drowned when a resident of that town; Silas, a tinsmith of Dunkirk, N. Y.; Emma, deceased wife of Robert Rowland, of Hartford; Brazilla, a tinsmith, now deceased; Albert, who died young; and Alice, wife of Henry Parmelee, of Middletown.

Newton R. Hurlburt was born in Wethersfield Jan. 28, 1837. He was educated in the common schools, attending school in winter and working in summer. At the age of sixteen his school days ended, and in the following year, 1854, he went to Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where he served an apprenticeship to the trade of tinsmith, and for some time later worked as a journeyman. Returning East he lived at Hartford, New London and elsewhere, finally locating, in 1860, at New Britain, where he has passed most of the time since. He followed his trade for many years, but has also engaged in farming and pursued various other occupations. An industrious, hard-working mechanic, he has by his own sturdy efforts made his way in life. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1896 he was elected third selectman on the town ticket with Charles H. Smith and William S. Judd, but by the death of Mr. Smith and the resignation of Mr. Judd he became first selectman, and in the fall of 1898 he was elected to that office by popular vote for the term of one year, receiving the handsome majority of 1,222, the largest ever received by any candidate in the town. In his official career Mr. Hurlburt has been highly successful, giving it the same painstaking attention and care which he has ever bestowed upon his own private affairs.

Mr. Hurlburt married Miss Jane Slater, daughter of Elam Slater, one of the old settlers of New Britain, and for many years one of its efficient and esteemed selectmen.

JOSEPH SPENCER (deceased) descended from one of the oldest and most prominent families of the town of East Hartford, Hartford county, and the old homestead on Silver street and Spencer street (the latter named after the family) has been continuously occupied and tilled by five generations of the name, and is now in the possession of the sole survivor of the honored old family, Miss Jane A. Spencer, at whose demise it will pass into the hands of strangers, or at least of persons who will not bear the good old family name.

The first member of the Spencer family to become identified with the history of East Hartford came here at a date so remote that it has passed from the memory of man, and even his Christian name has faded into oblivion. It is known, how-

ever, that he erected a mansion at the corner of Main and Mill streets, where the post office now stands, and that his death occurred in 1687. It is known, moreover, that he was the father of several sons, the name of one of whom is on record as Thomas, and it is also known that Thomas had three sons, Timothy, Thomas and Gideon, who, when East Hartford was still in the wilderness, settled adjacent to the present Spencer homestead, cleared the land, and wrought out a spacious farm. Gideon Spencer erected the large dwelling which still stands across the street from the present Spencer mansion, and which, in its day, was one of the finest in East Hartford, and is still kept, after a lapse of over one hundred and fifty years, in an excellent state of repair, having never passed out of the possession of the family. Gideon died in this dwelling, and his remains were interred in the Spencer street cemetery.

John Spencer, son of Gideon, and the father of Joseph Spencer, the subject proper of this sketch, was born June 24, 1746, married Miriam McKee, and became the father of eight children: John, Jr., born Sept. 10, 1770, died unmarried in 1836, when his remains were laid to rest in the Spencer street cemetery, where the ashes of all the deceased members of the Spencer family are interred; Merion, born Sept. 24, 1772, died Nov. 17, 1857; Sarah was born Oct, 9, 1774, and died unmarried May 4, 1843; David, born in 1776, died in 1802; Jerusha, born Oct. 21, 1778, was married to Jeremiah Killbourne in 1807, and died Jan. 10, 1858; Joseph was born Jan. 26, 1781, and is the subject of this sketch; Timothy, born Feb. 18, 1784, married Mary Goodwin March 31, 1811, and died May 30, 1855; George, the youngest, was born Nov. 15, 1786, and died, unmarried, March 11, 1868.

Joseph Spencer received a sound education, as good as could be secured in the schools of his neighborhood during the winter months, and, like other rustic lads, passed his summers on the home farm. Agriculture became the occupation of his life. After the death of his father, in 1829, he assumed control of the farm, his brother and sisters being single at that time and making their home in the mansion built by their grandfather, Gideon Spencer. On May 11, 1815, Joseph Spencer married Miss Ann Seymour, born in 1783, in Hartford, a daughter of George and Mabel (Spencer) Seymour, and the same year erected the house now occupied by his daughter, Miss Jane A. Spencer. Mrs. Spencer was an intelligent and kind-hearted woman. To the marriage of Joseph Spencer and Ann Seymour were born three children: Emily, born June 19, 1820, who died in 1894; Julia Marion, born March 15, 1823, who died in 1892; and Jane Annie, the only survivor of the family, born April 20, 1826, now the occupant of the old homestead.

Joseph Spencer, it will readily be surmised, was during his long and useful life a very prominent factor in the affairs of East Hartford, although he was very domestic and unostentatious in his habits. A Whig in politics, he filled various town offices, and in the local management of his party's affairs wielded a strong influence, his advice never going unheeded. With his family he was a constant attendant at the Congregational Church, and was a most liberal contributor, financially, to its support. His farm, one of the most extensive in the town, was finely tilled at all times, and was devoted to raising the better class of products, no part of it ever having been used for the cultivation of tobacco—an unusual circumstance in the neighborhood. On this estate he passed his entire life, and died, one of the most honored of men, in December, 1857.

HON. CHARLES E. HART is of the eighth generation in lineal descent from the sturdy Puritan, Deacon Stephen Hart, who was well-known and widely respected among the members of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The direct paternal line of descent is as follows: Stephen (1), Stephen (2), Stephen (3), Daniel, Stephen (4), Stephen (5), and Ebenezer.

The first of the line to settle in New England was Deacon Stephen Hart, who was a member of that devoted band who preferred liberty of conscience to fortune, station or native land. He was born at Braintree, Essex, England, about 1605, and came to join his co-religionists and compatriots about 1632. His first location was at Cambridge, Mass., he being one of the fifty-four original settlers at that point. In 1639 he went westward as far as Hartford, where he became a landed proprietor. In 1672 he joined a party of eighty-four persons who were the original proprietors of Farmington. His son, Stephen Hart (2), was born at Braintree, England, and located at Farmington, where he was made a freeman in May, 1654. Stephen Hart (3), son of Stephen Hart (2), was born at Farmington in 1662, and was married, in 1689, to Sarah, daughter of Samuel Cowles. Daniel Hart, son of Stephen (3), came into the world in 1707. He was also a native of Farmington, at which place, in 1734, he married Abigail, a daughter of Thomas Thompson. He made his home at New Britain. Stephen (4), son of Daniel, was born in 1744 at New Britain. In 1767 he was united in marriage to Rhoda, daughter of Charles Stedman, of Wethersfield. He was a farmer, and his home was in what was then known as the Stanley Quarter, at the foot of Clark's Hill. His son, Stephen (5), who was the grandfather of Charles E., was born Oct. 21, 1775, at New Britain, and on June 25, 1797, at the age of nearly twenty-two years, married Sallie, a daughter of Ezra and Lucy (Stancliff) White, of Chatham, Conn. He was also a farmer, and made his home at the residence of his father and grandfather, at the foot of Clark's Hill, in the Stanley Quarter. He passed away in 1816, his wife surviving him until the year

1859, when she, too, entered into rest, at the age of eighty-four years. Their children were: Stephen, Edmund, George, Emily, Philip, William, Henry and Ebenezer.

From what has been said with regard to the genealogy of Mr. Hart's family, it will be seen that his father, Ebenezer Hart, was a son of Stephen Hart (5), of New Britain. He was born at that place July 31, 1814, and was married, at Warehouse Point, Jan. 6, 1842, to Mary Pease, a daughter of Walter and Eliza (Filer) Pease, through whom our subject is descended from Roger Filer, a Revolutionary soldier, who was wounded at the battle of Long Island. Mrs. Ebenezer Hart was born Jan. 5, 1824, at Enfield, Conn. In 1871 Mr. and Mrs. Hart removed to Wellsburg, Chemung Co., N. Y., where he engaged in the hotel business. Later he returned to his native State, taking up his residence at New Haven, where he also became a host. He died in that city, of an affection of his liver, on Sept. 12, 1874, at the age of sixty years. His remains were taken to his native place, New Britain, for interment. Two children were born to his marriage: Charles Edwin, Oct. 14, 1842; and Lillian Chase, April 18, 1853.

Charles Edwin Hart was married, on June 18, 1867, to Miss Jennie Wainwright, who was born at Manchester, N. J., June 13, 1844, a daughter of John Wesley and Jane (Skidmore) Wainwright, of that city. Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hart as follows: Nellie Irene, born June 17, 1868, died May 28, 1869, at New Britain; Lillian Wainwright, born June 3, 1870, graduated from Wesleyan University in 1892; Harry Emile, born Dec. 7, 1872, graduated from Yale College in 1894, and is now practicing law in New Britain; Etheline Louise, born April 25, 1876, graduated from Rye Seminary in 1895; and Charles Edwin was born March 3, 1884.

On Jan. 1, 1868, Mr. Hart entered the employ of the Stanley Co., at New Britain, as superintendent of a department, and since 1890 he has been mechanical superintendent. He has been quite prominent in public affairs in New Britain. For two terms he was a member of the city council. In 1876 he was elected to the Legislature, on the Democratic ticket, and during his term was secretary of the committee on Corporations. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, serving on the board of managers of that order; and of Lodge No. 79, F. & A. M., of New Haven.

WALTER CADWELL, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of West Hartford, was born in that town June 10, 1830, and belongs to one of its old and highly esteemed families.

Mr. Cadwell is a lineal descendant from (I) Thomas Cadwell, whose name appears on record in Hartford as early as 1652. In 1658 he married Elizabeth, widow of Robert Wilson, and daughter of Deacon Edward Stebbins, who resided for a time on the corner of Front and State streets, in Hartford. Their family comprised ten children. Thomas Cadwell died Oct. 9, 1694. The line of descent of Walter Cadwell is through (II) Samuel (1), (III) Samuel (2), (IV) Samuel (3), (V) Samuel (4), and (VI) Elizur.

(I) Thomas Cadwell and his wife Elizabeth had children as follows: Mary, Edward, Thomas, William, Matthew, Abigail, Elizabeth, Samuel, Hannah and Mehitabel.

(II) Samuel Cadwell, born April 30, 1675, son of (I) Thomas, married March 6, 1707-08, Mary Clark, of Hartford. Children were: Mary, Samuel (2), Elizabeth, and Joseph.

(III) Samuel Cadwell (2) (son of Samuel (1)), born Nov. 1, 1710, and his wife Elishaba had children as follows: Mary, Mary (2), Samuel, Samuel (2), Joseph, Timothy, Mary Ann, Elishaba, Sarah, Charles, and Aaron.

(IV) Samuel Cadwell (3) (son of Samuel (2)), born Jan. 1, 1743, married Ruth, widow of John Merry, and their children were: Ruth, Phœbe, Rhoda, Samuel, Horace, Martin, Uriah, and Susannah.

(V) Samuel Cadwell (4) son of Samuel (3)), born in 1770, married Rhoda Kellogg, who was born in 1775, and died Oct. 15, 1856, aged eighty-one years. Mr. Cadwell died Oct. 9, 1836, aged sixty-six years. They resided in the northern part of the town of West Hartford. Their children were: Samuel; Rhoda K., who married Benjamin Gilbert; Elizur; Julia, who married Nelson Tuller, of Bloomfield, Conn., later of Woodbury, Middleford, and Fairhaven, Conn., where he died a patriot of the Revolution; Timothy; Eltrudor; Susannah; James M.; and George W.

(VI) Elizur Cadwell (son of Samuel (4)), father of our subject, was born August 4, 1798, and spent his entire life, with the exception of four years passed in Bloomfield, in the northern part of West Hartford. He, too, was a farmer, and in politics was a Democrat. On May 5, 1829, he was married to Mrs. Lydia (Fish) Kelsey, who was born Aug. 6, 1796, and died Dec. 23, 1884, aged eighty-eight years. His death occurred Nov. 19, 1869, at the age of seventy-one years. They had four children, our subject being the eldest; Ruth, now deceased, born Dec. 1, 1832, married Ashel Morley; Lura, born April 12, 1833, married George Steele, and is deceased; and Adeline, born Jan. 5, 1841, died Oct. 6, 1845.

Reared in West Hartford and Bloomfield, Conn., Walter Cadwell is indebted to the schools of those places for his educational privileges. On April 23, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Marcy, and three children were born of this union: Helena Alice, now the wife of Walter H. Way, of Pittsfield, Mass., by whom she has one daughter, Margaret; and Mary Helen and Walter Edwin, both now deceased.

In 1865 Mr. Cadwell purchased the Sedgwick farm, in West Hartford, and there he has since made his home, engaged in farming. He was also interested in the meat business until 1880, and in his labors has met with marked success. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has most capably and satisfactorily served as assessor of his town and as member of the board of relief. For nearly twenty years he has been an active and consistent member of the Congregational Church, and when his present term expires he will have served as deacon of the church for over a dozen years.

HENRY A. KING (deceased) was for many years one of the highly respected and honored citizens of Hartford county, the last forty years of his life being spent in West Hartford, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. King was born in the city of Hartford in 1814, and when a young man lived with Selden Hill, in West Hartford. In early life he learned the art of hair dressing with John Spencer, and as a hair dresser was in business first at Nantucket, Mass., and later in the Hills block, at Hartford, Conn. Subsequently he was engaged in the willow work and fancy-goods business in the latter city until 1850, when he moved to West Hartford and turned his attention to farming. In Hartford he was united in marriage with Miss Roxanna Spencer, a descendant of an old Connecticut family, and to them were born the following children: Anna and Lucy, who both died in infancy; Henry F., who was connected with the Vermont Farm Machine Co., and died in April, 1896; Emma, wife of P. D. Barnhart, of Denver, Colo.; Lizzie, wife of Charles Hunter, of Washington, D. C.; John A. S., who is engaged in the drug business in Newark, N. J.; and James Augustus, who is mentioned below.

Mr. King was a man of progressive ideas, and held advanced views on school matters. He took a very active and prominent part in public affairs in Hartford, and was numbered among the most valued and useful citizens of his community. In political sentiment he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and in religious faith was a Congregationalist, being a member of the church at West Hartford. His wife died in 1876, and he passed away Feb. 24, 1890, honored and respected by all who knew them.

JAMES A. KING was born in West Hartford Aug. 29, 1852, and was educated in the schools of West Hartford and Hartford city. At an early age he commenced to assist his father in the operation of the home farm, and together they continued to carry on farming until the latter's death. His life has principally been devoted to that pursuit, although he has engaged to a limited extent in trucking and grading. He is a straightforward, capable business man, one who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. Fraternally he is a member of West Hartford Grange and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, at Hartford. He was married in West Hartford to Miss Eva Eunice Steele, a daughter of Seymour Lewis Steele, a granddaughter of Sherman Steele, and a greatgranddaughter of Elpaphero Steele.

TOWNSEND BARTHOLOMEW WICKWIRE, a prominent business man and universally respected citizen of the town of Berlin, is of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Wickwire. Through his maternal grandmother he is in the thirty-ninth generation in descent from Charlemagne.

The Wickwire family is of English origin, and the first American progenitor was John Wickwire, the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Townsend B. His name appears in a list of the residents of New London, Conn., in 1675-76, and in the latter year he married Mary Tonge, who was born Sept. 17, 1656, a daughter of George and Margery Tonge. His home was in that part of New London originally called Pequot or North Parish, and now known as Montville. His wife's sister, Elizabeth, married Fitz John Winthrop, for nine years governor of Connecticut. He himself was a soldier in King Philip's war, and took part in the hardly-fought battle in the Great Swamp, on Dec. 19, 1675, where the power of the Narragansetts was broken. For his gallant service during this war he received from the General Court a grant of 140 acres of land. In 1684 he was named by Gov. Winthrop as one of the seventy-seven grantees of New London in the patent issued Oct. 14, that year. He was the father of eight children, and died in March or April, 1712. His will apportioned among his children £300 in money, and a considerable quantity of land.

Christopher Wickwire, a son of the above, was born in New London Jan. 8, 1680, and was the great-great-great-grandfather of Townsend B. He was baptized with six others Sept. 21, 1724, by Rev. James Hillhouse. He passed the latter years of his life at Salem, where he was an extensive land owner. Mr. Wickwire's great-great-grandfather, James Wickwire, Sr., was born in 1725, and baptized Oct. 23, 1726. He married Mary Grant, who bore him six children. He ended his days in Millington, a parish of East Haddam. Here, probably, his son, James Wickwire, Jr., was born Sept. 28, 1759. The latter was the great-grandfather of the subject of this brief biographical sketch. His business was that of a tanner and manufacturer of leather, and he served with distinguished gallantry in the Revolutionary war, enlisting in Col. Charles Webb's regiment before he had reached the age of seventeen. He marched with Washington to New London, whence the troops were transferred by vessel to New York. For a year his regiment was stationed in and around that city and Brooklyn, aiding in the erection of fortifications. It also par-

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ticipated in the battle of White Plains. On April 25, 1779, he married Sarah Barnes, by whom he was the father of ten children. She was born in 1760, and was a daughter of Enos and Abigail (Norris) Barnes. Alvin Benjamin Wickwire, son of James, and the grandfather of Townsend Bartholomew, was born July 7, 1796, at Litchfield. His wife was Sallie Miranda Humiston, born in Washington, Conn., April 4, 1795. Three children were born to them, all of whom are yet living. He was a farmer, and received a pension as a soldier of the war of 1812, during which struggle he served as a musician.

Manley Horatio Wickwire, the father of Townsend B., was born Sept. 1, 1834, in Warren, Conn. He was educated at the district schools and at the private school of J. C. Howard, after graduating from which institution he taught school for three years, when he entered Taft's general store, at Ashley Falls, as a clerk. Two years later he bought a half-interest in the business, the firm name becoming Taft & Wickwire. This partnership continued for two years, when Mr. Wickwire purchased Mr. Taft's interest, and for the next six years he conducted the business alone. At the end of that time he disposed of it, and, buying a farm in Sheffield, Mass., devoted himself to agriculture for three years. His next venture was in the cutting of timber and the manufacturing of it into lumber for the market, in which business he is still engaged, having cleared thousands of acres of timber-land in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In 1896 he and Roger S. Austin purchased outright the plant and business of the Wallingford Wheel Company, of Wallingford, Conn., and a stock company was formed, known as the Wheel & Cycle Bar Co. The concern manufactures all descriptions of wheels, as well as stock for the repair of same. Manley H. Wickwire is president of the company, the other officers being Roger S. Austin, vice-president and treasurer, and L. R. Hall, secretary. These gentlemen, with Charles M. Jarvis, Frank L. Wilcox, Marcus E. Jacobs and Edward Alling, constitute the board of directors. In April, 1899, a substantial brick factory was built in Berlin, and the plant was removed and installed there during July following. In 1894, Mr. Wickwire, Sr., removed to Berlin, where he yet resides. He is a member of Cincinnatus Lodge, F. & A. M., and in politics is a Republican. His fellow townsmen of Sheffield, recognizing his intellectual capacity and his high moral worth, repeatedly elected him to posts of grave responsibility and high trust. He served as first selectman during the war of the Rebellion, and at various times held all the other town offices.

On Sept. 10, 1856, Mr. Wickwire married Pauline Bartholomew, of Sheffield, where she was born in 1835. The fruit of the marriage consisted of five children. The eldest, Lillian E., married Dr. Frank L. Smith, of Sheffield, and is now deceased. Fannie E. became the wife of Henry R. Little, of Torrington. Nellie Pauline is now Mrs. George H. Robinson, of Newtonville, Mass. Arthur Manley married Louise, a daughter of Charles Dutcher, of Brooklyn. Townsend B. was the youngest. Mrs. Wickwire died Oct. 4, 1882, and was buried at Sheffield. On Dec. 17, 1884, Mr. Wickwire married Miss Meroa Brainard, who was born March 30, 1855, and is a daughter of Samuel Newell Brainard and Charlotte F. Williams, his wife, of Colchester, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Wickwire attend the Congregational Church, his wife being a member of that communion.

Townsend B. Wickwire was born March 31, 1869, on his father's farm in Sheffield, Mass. When he was six years old his family removed into the town, and it was at the Sheffield district schools that he began his education, finishing his scholastic training by a course at the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He graduated at the age of nineteen, and went at once to Colchester, Conn., where his father was engaged in the lumber business. For five years he acted as an assistant to his father, laying a strong foundation for a robust physical constitution, and gaining his first practical knowledge of men and business affairs. In 1894 he removed to Berlin, where he engaged in the sale of coal and feed, continuing same up to the present time. In building up this business his good judgment, and his well-earned reputation for unswerving integrity, have stood him in good stead. On Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. Wickwire became superintendent of the Berlin Wheel Co., the duties of which position he is ably discharging, despite the many demands upon his time and attention.

On Jan. 1, 1894, Mr. Wickwire married Elizabeth Margaret Jones, who was born Jan. 11, 1870, daughter of William and Catherine (Carrier) Jones, of Colchester. Mr. and Mrs. Wickwire are the parents of one child, Grant Townsend, born Aug. 26, 1896.

Mr. Wickwire is one of the most enterprising and successful young business men of Berlin. But thirty-one years old, he is already a prosperous merchant, and can justly boast that his achievements have been largely due to his own unaided efforts. His kindly, generous, genial, whole-souled nature has won for him whole troops of friends. He is a member of Pequot Council, No. 24, Sr. O. U. A. M., of Berlin. He united with the Congregational Church at Sheffield, and is now identified with the church at Berlin, being also a member of the choir. His wife belongs to the same communion. Mr. Wickwire is an ardent Republican in politics.

STEPHEN FRANKLIN WILLARD is a descendant of an ancient and noble English family, to whom reference is found in the early records of the Counties of Sussex and Kent. The name is familiar to every reader of either English or American history, being associated with the records of State, Church and Army. An admirable sketch of the

family was prepared and published by the late Joseph Willard, of Boston, from which have been gleaned some of the historical facts hereinafter set forth.

Simon Willard, the first of the name known to have settled in this country, was three times married. His first nuptials were celebrated in England, his bride being Mary Sharpe, of Horsemonden. His second wife was Elizabeth Dunster, a sister of Rev. Henry Dunster, one of the early presidents of Harvard College, and after her death he was united to her cousin, Mary Dunster. She survived him, and became the wife of Deacon Noyes, of Sudbury, Mass. Simon Willard was one of the prominent men of his day and generation. Tradition says of him that he was hardy and courageous, and thoroughly imbued with the religious fervor of his times. He was the father of seventeen children, of whom we give a brief enumeration: (1) Mary married Joshua Edmunds. (2) Elizabeth died in infancy. (3) Elizabeth (2) became the wife of Robert Blood, of Concord, on April 8, 1653, and died Aug. 27, 1690. (4) Dorothy died in infancy. (5) Josiah married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Hosmer, a distinguished citizen of Hartford, and for some years made his home in that city, but finally removed to Wethersfield, where he taught school, dying there in July, 1674. (6) Samuel was born at Concord, Mass., in January, 1639, and graduated from Harvard College in 1659. He became a minister, and first settled in Groton. In 1678 he was installed over the old South Church in Boston, and continued pastor until his death, Sept. 12, 1707. For the last six years of his life he was also vice or acting president of Harvard College. His first wife was Abigail, a daughter of Rev. John and Mary (Launce) Sherman, of Watertown, Mass., and she dying Aug. 8, 1664, he, in 1679, married Eunice Tyng, whose father, Edward Tyng, was a prominent and influential citizen of the same place; she died in Boston Jan. 14, 1720. (7) Sarah, born June 27, 1642, at Concord, Mass., married Nathaniel Howard, of Charlestown, July 2, 1666, and died Jan. 22, 1677; the following year (1678) Mr. Howard married Sarah Parker. (8) Above Hope was born at Concord Oct. 30, 1646, and died at Lancaster Dec. 26, 1663. (9) Simon, born at Concord Nov. 23, 1649, married Martha, daughter of Richard and Joanna Jacobs; he removed to Salem, where for many years he was deacon of the First Church; he was twice married, his second wife being Priscilla Butholph. (10) Mary, born at Concord Sept. 7, 1653, became Jan. 22, 1671, the wife of Cyprian Stevens, of Lancaster. (11) Henry, born June 4, 1655, at Concord, married Mary Larkin, of Groton, July 18, 1674; she died about the year 1688, and in 1689 he married Dorcas Cutler. (12) John, also of Concord, born Feb. 12, 1656, married Oct. 31, 1690, Mary Hayward, a daughter of John Hayward, and died Aug. 23, 1726. (13) Daniel, born Dec. 29, 1658, was twice married, first on Dec. 6, 1683, to Hannah, a daughter of John Cutler; she died Feb. 22, 1690, and he afterward married Mary Mills, a daughter of Jonathan Mills. He died Aug. 23, 1708. (14) Joseph, born at Lancaster June 4, 1660, was a sea captain, and died in June, 1721. (15) Benjamin, born in 1665, married Sarah Lakin, born in February, 1661, whose father, Job Lakin, was an ensign in the militia. (16) Hannah, born Oct. 6, 1666, became the wife of Capt. Thomas Brintnall May 23, 1693. (17) Jonathan, the youngest child, born Dec. 14, 1669, married Mary, a daughter of Major Thomas Brown.

The children of Josiah and Hannah (Hosmer) Willard were eight in number: (1) Samuel, born in Hartford Sept. 19, 1658, married Sarah Clark on June 6, 1683, and settled at Saybrook, where he died in 1713. (2) Josiah, born March 13, 1660, died unmarried. (3) Simon, born at Wethersfield, married Mary Gilbert. (4) Dorothy, the eldest daughter, was also born at Wethersfield, and June 15, 1682, married John Belden, of that place, who was born June 12, 1658. (5) Stephen, born in Wethersfield in 1667, died July 22, 1814. (6) Thomas, born in 1670, married Abigail Bradley, and removed to Guilford, now Madison. (7) John died unmarried. (8) Hannah was married May 18, 1698, to Capt. Janna Meigs, of Guilford.

Simon Willard, third son of Josiah, was born in 1661. He removed from Wethersfield to Newington, but on what date it is not known, and is believed to have been the first white settler in that section, where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. On Feb. 12, 1691, he married Mary Gilbert, and by her became the father of nine children. Mrs. Willard was born Nov. 18, 1670, and died Dec. 6, 1712. He died Jan. 8, 1726, at Newington; on his monument was inscribed "the first male laid in this yard." The names of their children, and some necessarily brief and imperfect biographical data relative to them, are given below: (1) Josiah was twice married, his first wife being Hannah, a daughter of John Montague, and his second, Elizabeth Filer; he was a farmer, and died March 9, 1757. (2) John was born Aug. 20, 1694, and married Margaret Smith, a daughter of Simon Smith, of Hartford; he died at Stockbridge, Mass., in July, 1762, his wife surviving until May 17, 1785. (3) Benjamin, born Oct. 31, 1696, died Sept. 15, 1712. (4) Mary, born March 29, 1700, was married to Jonathan Griswold. (5) Hannah, born April 27, 1702, became the wife of Jacob Whapples, of Newington. (6) Simon, born May 28, 1704, died in early life. (7) Ephraim, born June 30, 1707, married Lydia, a daughter of Jacob Griswold, of Wethersfield. (8) Daniel, born July 30, 1710, married Dorothy Deming, of Newington; he died in 1800. (9) Benjamin (2) was born Sept. 15, 1712, the day upon which the first Benjamin died.

Ephraim Willard, the seventh son of Simon, was a farmer in Wethersfield. He was a member of the Congregational Church. On Aug. 17, 1738, he mar-

ried Lydia Griswold, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Francis) Griswold, the latter a daughter of Robert Francis. Mrs. Willard was born Sept. 4, 1707, and died in April, 1770. Ephraim Willard died March 30, 1766. Both are buried at Wethersfield. Five children were born to them: Stephen, Feb. 9, 1740 (mentioned below); Elizabeth, April 26, 1741; Mary, Feb. 17, 1743; Simon, Jan. 25, 1746; and Justus Gilbert, Nov. 28, 1747. Simon in later life removed to New York State.

Stephen Willard was a resident and prosperous farmer of Wethersfield. On March 24, 1768, he married Anna Harris, a daughter of Thomas Harris, of the same town. Both himself and wife were devout and consistent members of the Congregational Church. The names and dates of birth of their nine children are as follows: Stephen, Jan. 30, 1770; Anna, Sept. 28, 1771; Polly, Aug. 11, 1773; Wealthy, April 13, 1775 (died April 2, 1777); John, July 24, 1777 (died at sea); William, Oct. 3, 1779 (died young); Wealthy (2) (died Oct. 29, 1842); Thomas, Aug. 11, 1781; and William (2) (father of the late William Willard, warden of the Connecticut State Prison), Nov. 21, 1783 (died March 8, 1832).

Stephen Willard, eldest of the above family, was born on Broad street, Wethersfield, Jan. 30, 1770, and like his ancestors became a farmer, was a prominent citizen in his day, an upright man, highly esteemed, and exemplified in his daily life the principles of the religion which he professed. He married Martha Robbins, and after her death wedded Rhoda, a daughter of Solomon Latimer. His first wife bore him seven children: George; Walter; Eliza, who married Samuel Latimer, of Wethersfield; Mary, who became the wife of Caleb Griswold, of the same town; Stephen, who died in childhood; Chauncey, who removed to South Carolina; and Sarah, who married Chauncey Coleman, of Wethersfield. There were six children born of the second marriage: Thomas, July 5, 1816; Charles, May 25, 1818; Martha and Amelia (twins) July 25, 1820; Amelia (2), June 21, 1822; and Stephen, Oct. 13, 1827. Amelia (1) died Nov. 25, 1821, and Amelia (2) married Horace Fuller, of Windsor; Martha married Oliver Wolcott, of Wethersfield.

Thomas Willard, the eldest child of Stephen Willard by his second marriage, was born in the old Willard homestead on Broad street, in Wethersfield. His education was of a practical character, well calculated to fit him for an active business life. His boyhood and youth were pasesd under the healthful, refining influences of home life, and work upon the farm developed his physical strength. While yet in early manhood, prompted by a desire for change and a hope of bettering his fortune, he went to St. Louis, Mo., where for several years he was engaged in mercantile business. On his return to Wethersfield he conducted for a few years a general store on Broad street, after which he engaged in farming on the home farm where he was born, following this pursuit during the remainder of his life, until, in 1860, he was visited by an apoplectic stroke, which incapacitated him from active work. He died April 22, 1876. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican. As a husband and father he was gentle, sympathetic and indulgent; as a friend, genial, generous and true; as a citizen, patriotic and public-spirited.

On March 6, 1850, Mr. Willard married Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob Griswold, of Griswoldville. She was a woman of fine native mental power, a member of the Congregational Church, and a Christian whose faith and piety controlled her every act. She was a devoted wife and mother, a true friend to all who were suffering or in want. She died May 3, 1899, aged seventy-eight. She and her husband are both buried in Wethersfield cemetery. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard: Stephen F.; Emma A., who died July 21, 1893, unmarried; Clayton T., a farmer of Griswoldville, who married Leila F. Adams, on March 16, 1886, and is the father of one child, Warren Adams, born Oct. 7, 1887; and Mary E. and Lizzie H., both of whom live on the old homestead.

Stephen F. Willard was born at Wethersfield Feb. 7, 1851, was educated in the public and high schools of Wethersfield, and remained with his parents on the home farm until he attained his majority. He then began his business career as a traveling salesman for the Comstock-Ferre Seed Co., his route covering the New England States, filled this position for two years, and has been connected with the company from that time to the present; he is a stockholder and director, and since 1898 has held the office of president. Mr. Willard is a man of quick perceptions, methodical and accurate, hard-working and persevering. He is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican. On Sept. 7, 1875, in Missouri, he married Irene, a daughter of John and Martha (Wells) Havens. Five children have been born to them: Arthur, Thomas, Edward, Frank, and John.

The genealogy of the Griswold family, from which Mr. Willard is descended, through the maternal line, is one of interest. Through seven generations he traces his ancestry back to Michael Griswold, the first white settler in Wethersfield. Coming down the ladder of lineal descent, by generations as though by rounds, we have Jacob, son of Michael; Major Josiah, who was the father of Josiah (2), and grandfather of Josiah (3); the latter's son Jacob was the father of Jacob (2), whose daughter Elizabeth, was the mother of Stephen F. Willard. Jacob Griswold, his great-grandfather, married, on Feb. 2, 1793, Abigail, a daughter of Thomas Harris, Jr., of Weathersfield. She was born June 6, 1773. They became the parents of five children: Jacob, born Aug. 26, 1794; Jerusha, Aug. 30, 1796; Harris, Oct. 20, 1801; Alfred, Dec. 13, 1805; and Albro, Dec. 8, 1808. Jacob Griswold,

Mr. Willard's maternal grandfather, was born Aug. 26, 1794, was a cloth dresser and farmer, and died May 14, 1854. On Jan. 22, 1818, he married Elizabeth Churchill, and they had six children, of whom Josiah was born Nov. 15, 1818; Elizabeth, born Dec. 10, 1820, married Thomas Willard; Levi, born May 22, 1823; Ralph H., born July 24, 1827; Jacob, born June 22, 1830; and Jerusha, born April 11, 1833. The father was a man of distinguished character for many admirable traits, and was universally regarded as a good man and true. The mother attained the age of ninety-three years, dying, Jan. 29, 1888.

ZERAH J. HINMAN. The Hinman family, of which this well-known resident of Canton is a worthy representative, is one of the oldest in New England.

According to tradition Sergt. Edward Hinman was a member of the bodyguard of King Charles I, being sergeant at arms, but some time during that unhappy king's persecution he fled from the wrath of Oliver Cromwell and came to America. His coat of arms bore the motto, "True as the dial to the sun." In 1652 he settled at Stratford, Conn., where he became an extensive land owner and prominent citizen. He was the owner of Oldside Mill, between Stratford and what is now Bridgeport. With Capt. Underhill he was one to offer military service to Peter Stuyvesant, of New York, but the offer was bluntly rejected—the wary Dutch governor evidently preferring to meet his Indian foe alone rather than trust to his English friends. Edward Hinman died at his home on Nov. 26, 1681, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Stratford. In 1651 he married Hannah Stiles, daughter of Francis Stiles, of Windsor, Conn. and they had the following children: Sarah, born Sept. 10, 1653; Titus, June, 1655; Samuel, 1658; Benjamin, February, 1662; Hannah, July 15, 1666; Mary, 1668; Patience, 1670 (who married on Jan. 10, 1694, John Burrough); and Edward, mentioned below.

Edward Hinman (2) was born in 1672, at Stratford, Conn., where he spent his entire life, being extensively engaged in farming. He was one of the first Episcopalians in Stratford; and when Rev. Mr. Pigot opened to the people of Stratford the Church of England he was one of those who asked that the Churchmen might be sifted from the Congregationalists. By his marriage to Hannah Jennings there were the following children: Jonah A., born Nov. 5, 1700, who settled in Newark, N. J.; Hannah, born March 3, 1702; Zachariah, born Jan. 27, 1704; Samuel, mentioned below; Justus, born Dec. 28, 1707; Ebenezer, born Oct. 5, 1709, who died young; Sarah, born in 1711; John, born Nov. 4, 1713; Rachel, born Dec. 4, 1715; Ebenezer, born Aug. 16, 1717; Amos, born Oct. 18, 1720; and Charity, born June 6, 1723.

Capt. Samuel Hinman was born in 1705 in Stratford, and died in 1784 in Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn. He was well educated, and after moving to Goshen, where he was one of the original proprietors, he made a business of surveying land for the settlers. His family consisted of ten children: Lois, who married a Norton; Sarah, born July 5, 1731; Wilkinson, born July 8, 1733; Samuel and Mary, twins, born July 26, 1736; Joseph, born March 7, 1738; Phineas, born March 31, 1740; Asher and Lewis (a soldier in the Revolution), twins, born March 13, 1742; and Wait, born in 1748, who married Mary Home, of Wallingford.

Asher Hinman, one of the twins, was born in Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn., March 13, 1742, and died in 1809 in Canton. When a young man he removed to what is now Canton, where he became a farmer and a large land owner. In 1786 he removed to another part of the same town, on the west side of the Farmington river. He married Mary Harris, who died in 1821, and they had the following children: Eliza, who married Uriah Beach; Amasa, born in 1768, who married Polly Hinman; Zerah, who is mentioned below; Rhoda, who married Moses Mills, Jr.; Philip Harris; Cretia, who married Elias Mills; Arad, who married Polly Richards; and Asher, who married Eunice Alderman, and died in 1852.

Zerah Hinman, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1771 in Goshen. He spent the greater part of his life in Canton, where he was a farmer, and owned extensive tracts of land. He was also a road builder, and a contractor for keeping in repair the Albany and Hartford turnpike. The house and many of the other improvements upon the homestead were made by him. While a man of domestic habits he was not a recluse, was a charter member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge, and a prominent worker in the Congregational Church. In politics he was known as a Whig. He died on his farm in 1848, and was buried in the Dyer cemetery, at Canton. Mr. Hinman married Anna Mills, who was born in Canton, daughter of Moses and Abigail Mills, and granddaughter of Peter Mills, a well-known pioneer, of Dutch descent. By this marriage there were ten children: Holden, Liman, Zerah, Warren, Lewis, Eliza (1), Ann, Eliza Ann (2), Julius (the father of our subject), and Hector. Eliza (1) and Ann died when young. Eliza Ann (2) married for her first husband Rufus Moses, and for her second Warren C. Humphrey.

Julius Hinman, the father of our subject, was born at Canton, where he made his home throughout life. After receiving a good common-school education he helped his father carry on the homestead until he became of age, when he went into the Collins ax factory. Able, industrious and conscientious, he soon rose to the position of inspector, which place he filled for a number of years, giving entire satisfaction. But to him farming held out greater inducements than ax inspecting, and so, having prudently saved his earnings, he bought a tract of 600 acres comprising what was known as

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the Wilcox farm. He made many improvements upon his homestead, and being a man of rare business ability became very successful. If, as has been said, "helpfulness is holiness," the respect which was paid to Mr. Hinman in his community was not without its cause. He was deeply interested in education, and gave liberally for the support of the public schools. He was well informed upon the topics of the day, and being a good Democrat he took the *Hartford Times* for over sixty years. Physically he had an iron constitution, and he lived to be eighty-five years old, working up to the last. In July, 1895, while passing over a railroad crossing near his home, he was struck by a train and killed outright. He was buried in the Dyer cemetery at Canton. On March 6, 1842, Mr. Hinman married Laura Mills, daughter of Moses Mills, of New Hartford, and they had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Hinman died July 22, 1850, her remains being interred in the Dyer cemetery. On April 17, 1856, Mr. Hinman married Mrs. Pluma Rice Drake, who was born in Barkhamsted, daughter of Gideon P. and Filura (Griffin) Rice, and is still living on the homestead with our subject; she is a well-educated, refined woman. By her first husband, Mr. Marquis, she had one child, Charlotte Frances, who married Weston Barnes, and had six children. By Asel Drake, her second husband, she had one child, Nettie, who married John North. Of the six children born to her marriage with Mr. Hinman, (1) Laura, born in 1857, married Willard B. Case, of Canton. (2) Zerah J., our subject, is mentioned below. (3) Anna received a high-school education, and married Willard Hosmer, of Torrington. (4) Mary graduated from the Collinsville high school, and after teaching nine years married Ellis Clark, of Bakersville. (5) Hattie L. married Thomas S. Bidwell, of Canton Center. (6) Clara Belle, who taught school for seven years, married Willard Rice, of Hartford.

Our subject was born March 3, 1859, at Canton, and was given a good common-school education. Being the only son he always lived at home, and after the death of his father he inherited the homestead, of 600 acres, where he became one of the most extensive dairymen in his section, making about 3,000 pounds of butter yearly. Being a progressive man he has made many improvements upon the homestead, carries on various branches of agriculture, stock raising, etc. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Village Lodge, No. 29, of Columbia Chapter, No. 31, R. A. M., and is a prominent Granger. He is liberal in his church views, and in politics is a Democrat, but he never aspires to office.

On Jan. 30, 1884, Mr. Hinman married, in Rootstown, Portage Co., Ohio, Miss Jennie Hinman, who was born in Portage county April 12, 1861, daughter of Lloyd and Mary (Lewis) Hinman, and great-granddaughter of Zerah Hinman, who was the grandfather of our subject. She is a highly cultivated woman, and like her husband popular in society, and a member of the Grange, in which she has held office. Mr. and Mrs. Hinman have had four children: Robert, born Nov. 14, 1884; Lewis, born April 12, 1888 (who died at an early age); Howard A., born Aug. 21, 1890; and Julius L., born July 4, 1892.

LEVI B. BOUGHTON traces his lineage back to Shubaal Boughton, his great-great-grandfather, of Stephentown, N. Y., whose name appears in the parish records of St. John's church, Stamford, as having been baptized at Norwalk, Conn., on June 2, 1749, and in the same parish register it is stated that he was the son of John and Sarah Bouton. The reader's attention will at once be attracted by the variation in the orthography of the name. It is supposed, on good authority, that this John Bouton, mentioned as the father of Shubaal Boughton, was either a grandson or great-grandson of one John Bouton, a Huguenot, who fled from France to England because of religious persecution, and who was given free transportation to the American Colonies on condition of his taking the oath of allegiance to the British Crown. He is said to have been a son of Count Nicolas Bouton, and is known to have sailed from England in 1635, landing at Boston in December of that year, at the age of twenty years.

However this may be, the family genealogical history from the time of Shubaal Boughton is complete. He married Mary Hodge, and removed from New England to Dutchess county, N. Y., in early life. By trade he was a weaver, but his ambition was to become a land owner and a farmer. Accordingly, in 1795, he removed to Rensselaerville, in Albany county, N. Y., where he pre-empted a claim on government land, which he cleared and improved. These rather meager facts are all that can be definitely told concerning him, except that his marriage is supposed to have occurred about 1766, before leaving Connecticut, and that he was known as a "Quaker," or Friend. His wife, Mary Hodge, was born Oct. 15, 1747, and died at Rensselaerville on Nov. 15, 1817. The next ancestor of Levi B. Boughton, in the direct line of descent, was Ira Boughton, the son of Shubaal, who was born at Stephentown, N. Y., July 12, 1768, married Anna Dean; and died Feb. 28, 1848. His wife was born March 6, 1761, and died in November, 1827. Their son, John, was born April 2, 1797. He married, in 1818, Justina Miller, who was born in 1797, and passed away in 1833. He died at New Fairfield. His son, Harvey M. Boughton, the father of Levi B., was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1824, and married Maria Harvey. He was a blacksmith, and spent the greater part of his life at Stanwich, Conn. He was much devoted to social pleasures, although not at all an active worker he was fairly successful in business, his native ability being of a high order. He met his death through violence, under the circumstances narrated below. Being

the tenant of a double house, he sublet a portion of it to another family, named Leach. A dispute arose over the ownership of some grapes growing on the premises, and in the course of the altercation which followed Mr. Boughton's jugular vein was cut. He died Feb. 28, 1882.

Levi B. Broughton was born Dec. 1, 1845. For him life's work of toil began while he was a mere boy of fifteen years. Up to that age he had been given such limited educational advantages as his father's slender purse and the imperfect teaching of the common schools of Lewisboro, N. Y., rendered possible. In 1860 he went out into the world to seek what the future might have in store for him. His first employment was in a hat factory at Danbury, Conn., where he worked until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company D, 11th Conn. V. I. He was soon promoted to corporal, second sergeant, and later orderly sergeant in Companies A and C, of the same regiment. After being reduced to the ranks he once more began to mount the ladder of non-commissioned prefermen, rising to be corporal in Company C. He was under fire at Antietam and Fredericksburg, participated in the siege of Petersburg, and was mustered out of the service in 1865.

Returning to Danbury Mr. Boughton found employment in a fur factory, but soon left that place for Sullivan county, N. Y., where he did business in contracting for hemlock bark and lumber for shipment. In 1872 he entered the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., as a helper, later serving as a conductor for four years, and being appointed yardmaster in 1877, which responsible post he held for six years. While acting as conductor he ran the fast through train from Hartford to the Harlem river, when the trains of that description were first run upon the New Haven road. He left the service of the company to enter that of a malleable iron concern, and in October, 1884, went to work for Russell & Erwin. He remained with that firm as superintendent of outside matters until September, 1897, when he went to live upon his farm, and was for a short time engaged in the manufacture of squirrel and bird cages, springs and picture hooks. On April 1, 1898, he was appointed superintendent of the town farm, which position he still holds, having been re-appointed in the spring of 1899. His conduct of the affairs of this institution has been of so admirable a character as to win universal commendation, and has drawn forth especial encomiums from the State Board of Charities.

Mr. Boughton's success in life has been principally, if not wholly, due to his own unaided efforts. He is, in a great degree, self-educated, having been an extensive and discriminating reader; yet his broader education has been obtained through contact with the world. His mind is keen, his disposition generous, and his charity liberal. Conscientiously discharging every duty, great or small, with which he is entrusted, he has never failed to win deserved recognition from his employers, although more than once he has "stepped down and out" from a post of trust in favor of some man whose domestic responsibilities included the care of a wife and children. Affable and courteous, he possesses a good judgment of men and an executive capability which is rarely found in men who, like him, have climbed the ladder of success with no friendly hand to aid. Politically he is a Republican, although his innate distaste for thrusting himself forward has prevented him from taking any active part in politics. He is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., and of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

Mr. Boughton was married, Sept. 7, 1867, to Miss Lucy M. Ingrick, a daughter of Reuben and Zillah Ann (French) Ingrick, and granddaughter of George and Lucy (Berton) Ingrick, of Grahamsville, N. Y., at which place Mrs. Boughton was born April 26, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Boughton have one son, Charles D., a farmer, who married Helena Maron, of New Britain, and has three sons —Peter, Levi and Charles—and one daughter—Lucy Ann.

ANSON WHEELER BRISTOL is one of the prominent agriculturists of the town of Canton, and as a soldier, business man and citizen he has made an honorable record. He was born June 9, 1840, at Cherry Brook, town of Canton, and comes of excellent ancestry. His grandfather, Philo Bristol, a native of New Haven county, married Nabby Lyman.

Noah R. L. Bristol, our subject's father, was born at Oxford, New Haven county, and received a good common-school education. For several terms he taught school in New York State, but was still a young man when he located in Canton. There he followed the cooper's trade for a time, but later he purchased the Rufus Teller farm, at Cherry Brook, and engaged in general farming. In politics he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican, and he took a prominent part in local affairs, representing the town in the State Legislature, and serving several years as selectman and town clerk. He was a man of temperate habits and domestic tastes, and was noted among the business men of his acquaintance for his honesty and uprightness. In his religious views he was liberal, while his wife, a most estimable woman, belonged to the Congregational Church. His death occurred in 1861, his remains being interred at Canton Center, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Barber, survived him many years, passing away in 1887. They had four children: Volney R., who died in middle age; Keziah, who married George White, of Bristol; Burton H., who was killed in a mine in Idaho; and Anson W., our subject.

Mrs. Mary Barber Bristol was a native of Can-

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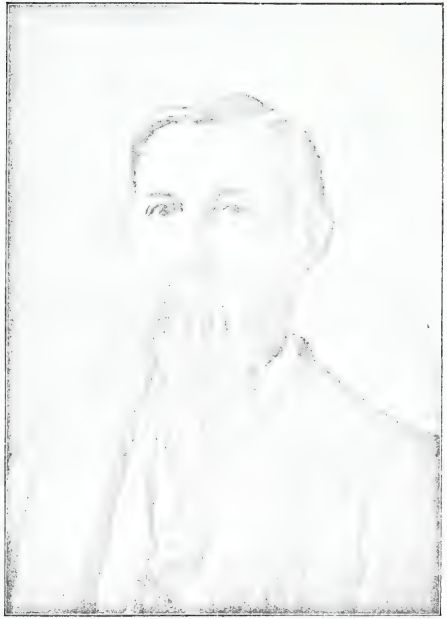

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ton, and a member of one of the oldest families of this section. Thomas Barbour or Barber, the first of the name to come to America, settled in Windsor. Samuel Barber, son of Thomas, located in Simsbury, where he died about 1725. He married Mercy Holcomb, granddaughter of Thomas Holcomb, the pioneer. After his death she removed with her children to West Simsbury, near Cherry Brook, where she died in 1787, at the ripe age of ninety-six years. They had the following children: Samuel; Thomas; Jonathan; John; Mercy, who married Ephraim Buel; and Sarah, who married John Case.

Dr. Samuel Barber, son of Samuel and Mercy (Holcomb) Barber, was born in Simsbury in 1714. He married (first) Tryphena Humphrey, who was born in 1722, daughter of Samuel Humphrey, and died in 1752. His second wife, Hannah (Humphrey), was born in 1726, daughter of Capt. Noah Humphrey, who was captain of a company that went to Havana in 1762. She died in 1819, at the home of her son, Giles, grandfather of our subject. By his first marriage Dr. Samuel Barber had seven children: Samuel, born in 1740, married a Miss Cowles, and died in 1780; Timothy, born in 1742, married Keturah Riley, and died in 1817; Joseph, born in 1744, married Leah Grover, and died in 1807; David, born in 1746, married Deborah Adams; Elijah, born in 1748, married Sarah Pettibone, and died in 1820; Ezekiel, born in 1750, married Elizabeth Goddard, and died in 1806; and Daniel, born in 1752, died in 1776, while serving in the Revolutionary army. The children of the second marriage were: Tryphena, born in 1755, who married Nathaniel Johnson; Joel, born in 1757, who married Mary Phelps; Hannah, born in 1759, who married Aaron Rauls; Sarah, born in 1761, who married John George Bandell, and died in 1829; Asabel, born in 1763, who married Mary Cellar, and died in 1851; Jesse, born in 1766, who married Hepzibah Humphrey, and died in 1813; and Giles, our subject's grandfather.

Giles Barber, born in 1769, was a farmer and stock raiser, and spent his entire life in Canton, where he died in 1826. He married Mary Garrett, a lady of French descent, and had ten children: Flavey, who married Anson Wheeler; Mary, our subject's mother; Julia, Mrs. Ezekiel T. Case; Diadama, Mrs. Selden White; Catharine, Mrs. William McLoud; Volney G., who married Ellen Atkins, of Bristol; Lucian, who settled in the West, where he died; Quincy, who died in childhood; Jesse L., who married Melissa Andrews, and Linus, who died unmarried.

Our subject was educated in the district and high schools of his native town, and remained at home until 1862, when he enlisted at Hartford in Company I, 22d Conn. V. I., under Col. George S. Burnham and Capt. Charles Whittlesey, the regiment being assigned to the 5th Corps. He served in this command for one year, and was discharged in July, 1863. On his return home he engaged in farming, dairying and tobacco culture, and in 1886 he sold out and bought the Oliver H. Bidwell farm, a tract of 110 acres, where he has made many improvements and is engaged in tobacco culture, dairying, stock raising and general farming. He is a stockholder and director in the Canton Creamery Association. In 1884 Mr. Bristol was elected to the State Legislature, where he served on the committee on Towns and Boroughs. He was a member of the board of relief at one time, and served as town clerk for eleven years, giving general satisfaction. Socially he and his family are much esteemed, and he and his wife belong to the local Grange. He is also a member of Edward R. Lee Post, No. 78, G. A. R., of New Hartford.

On Nov. 1, 1860, Mr. Bristol was married, in Canton, to Miss Sarah E. Williams, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1841, a daughter of Absalom and Margaret (Rogers) Williams, the former a native of Massachusetts, born in 1810, the latter of New Jersey, born in 1816; they died June 26, 1858, and in 1896, respectively. Of our subject's children, (1) Minnie E., born Sept. 13, 1861, received a district-school education, and taught school in Canton Center previous to her marriage to George E. Bidwell, a prominent farmer of East Granby; she has one son, Jasper Warren, born June 11, 1883. (2) Burton E., born Jan. 29, 1863, died in infancy. (3) Burton N., born Nov. 9, 1864, was educated in district schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute, and is now in the grain business in Collinsville. He married Miss Lizzie Case, daughter of Hosea and Ruth Case, and they have four children, Amy Luella, born July 26, 1889; Richard, May 25, 1892; Robert M., May 30, 1893; and Edward R., June 2, 1894. (4) Mortimer L., born Dec. 29, 1868, was educated in the schools of Collinsville and Moody, also at the Maine University, and taught for some time in public schools; he is now a draughtsman in Colt's fire-arms factory. He married Miss Rosa Bill, of Hartford, and they have one daughter, Grace Bidwell, born Nov. 10, 1895. (5) Anson W., Jr., born April 25, 1871, graduated from the Collinsville high school, and is now engaged in general farming at Canton Center. He married Miss Mae Smith, daughter of James Smith, of Collinsville, and they have had three children, Florence Smith, born March 29, 1894; Stuart Arthur, June 20, 1896; and Herman Harvey, March 22, 1899. (6) Mary Margaret, born Aug. 27, 1873, was educated in the Collinsville high school, and is now a teacher in the Hartford public schools. (7) Helen B., born May 21, 1878, is the wife of Samuel D. Richardson, and has had two children, Danford Ward, born July 23, 1896, and one whose name is not given, born Aug. 3, 1900. (8) Ruby S. and (9) Roscoe C. (twins), were born Sept. 23, 1880, and the former died Feb. 12, 1882. Roscoe C. completed a course in the high school at Collinsville, and is now a clerk in New Hartford. (10) Christa

E., born Dec. 25, 1885, is attending the Collinsville high school. (11) Sterling W., born Oct. 20, 1887, and (12) Katherine B., born Jan. 22, 1890, are at home.

MRS. REBECCA P. (ALLEN) HATHAWAY, authoress (*nom de plume* "Grace Appleton"), was born in Enfield, Conn., a lovely old elm-shaded town on the eastern bank of the Connecticut river. Her ancestors on both paternal and maternal sides of the house were among the very earliest settlers of the town, coming through the wilderness from the Salem Colony and locating in this spot.

Our subject at the age of thirteen removed with her parents and family from Enfield to Chicopee, Mass., at the high school of which place (at that time one of the most noted schools of the State under the charge of Prof. Calvin S. Pennell, a nephew of Horace Mann, later of Oberlin), she and a younger brother, Adams, received their educational training.

She graduated therefrom in 1849 and removed with the family to New York City, where she became assistant editor of various newspapers and magazines published by her eldest brother, Edward P. Allen, and continued with him up to the time of his death, in 1859.

In 1860 Miss Allen was married to Col. Samuel Hathaway, of Worcester and New York City, in which city they resided at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, and took earnest part in the stirring events of that period, and the enthusiastic receptions and banquets given to the different New England regiments as they passed through the city *en route* for the fields of battle.

Later, coming into possession of the old country home in Enfield, where her idolized brother, Edward, had breathed his last, and in which she had been left a life interest, she and her husband removed there (though still keeping on with his business in New York), and there continued to reside for thirty-five years, until the destruction of the old homestead with all its barns and outbuildings, and their contents, including a valuable herd of Alderney and Guernsey cattle, by incendiary fire, in the autumn of 1896. On that occasion Mrs. Hathaway barely escaped with her life, losing nearly everything they possessed—a collection of old mahogany furniture; old silver; many valuable manuscripts and choice books; a cabinet of minerals; all of her jewelry and most of their clothing. A new house was erected last year on the same site, by their son, where they are again settled and able to give hospitable welcome to friends.

During the past years, under different pennames, Mrs. Hathaway has been corresponding for different newspapers throughout the country, also contributing poems and prose articles to different magazines and periodicals.

In the disastrous fire, above referred to, was lost a collection of her poems nearly ready for the press, as well as a manuscript volume of poems and another of short stories, about to be issued, written by her son, Harold Gray Hathaway, who passed from earthly life in 1894. He was a young writer of much promise in both poetry and prose, and had he been spared would have made a name in the literary world.

Her eldest son, Allen Bigelow Hathaway, also a terse and graphic writer, is connected with the Massachusetss Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, Mass., though residing at home.

Among the many poems that have emanated from the pen of "Grace Appleton," and become most generally known and admired, may be mentioned the following: "The Evening Hearthstone," "Mother in Heaven," "Beautiful River," "To a Night-Blooming Cereus," "Under the Roses," "On Whirl the Months Immortal," and "The Funeral of Gen. Grant." There is a peculiar charm and fascination about her poems that is irresistible and enchanting, suggesting that ideas, rhythm and meter are created as it were impromptu, without forethought or effort on her part, and given to the world just as they sing themselves into existence.

OLIVER THOMAS BISHOP is one of the foremost citizens of the town of Avon, where for years he has been prominent in both business and civic circles as one of the ablest and most progressive citizens in the community. He is a native of the town, born Feb. 18, 1833, and comes of a family whose members have always been identified with the best in social and public life in Hartford county, taking an active part in the advancement of local interests, and distinguishing themselves for public spirit and intelligence as citizens and in the conduct of their private affairs.

Mr. Bishop's grandfather, Thomas F. Bishop, was a lifelong resident of Avon, which during his early life was included in the town of Farmington. When but fifteen years old he entered the service of his country as a soldier in the Revolution, serving for three years in that struggle, and he took part in the besiegement of Cornwallis, at Yorktown. Thomas F. Bishop was a large land owner, and engaged extensively in dairy farming and stock raising, which he followed principally all his life. He was a strong Whig in political sentiment, and though he never sought or held office he wielded a marked influence for good in his neighborhood as a citizen whose opinion was highly valued. He always commanded deep respect wherever he was known, and bore a high reputation for honor and integrity in all his dealings with his fellow men. Mr. Bishop was married in Avon to Miss Lucy Foot, and they became the parents of eleven children: Stella, who married Chester Woodford; Benjamin, who married Betsey Woodford; Delia, who became the wife of George Woodford; Samuel, who married Minerva Woodford; Jacob, who married Diana Frisbie; Jeffrey, who married Dolly Woodford; Lucy, wife of Hiram Andrews; Thomas N.,

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father of our subject; Gedor P.; Adeline, who married Albert Bissell; and Joseph, who married Zerviah Woodford. The parents of this family both passed away in 1851, the father at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, and their remains rest in Cider Brook cemetery. In religious connection they were members of the Congregational Church, and they took a zealous interest in the advancement of the Kingdom and all religious enterprises.

Thomas N. Bishop was born June 2, 1804, in the town of Avon, and there, on the old homestead, passed his entire life. He received his education in the district schools of the home neighborhood, and took up farming as his life vocation, he and his brother Gedor Pitt operating 200 acres of land. In addition to general agricultural pursuits he was engaged in teaming, dairying and stock dealing, and he made a signal success of all his undertakings, acquiring in his busy life a handsome competence. His ability and good judgment gained for him the confidence of his fellow citizens in the town, and he was honored with election to various offices of trust, serving faithfully as selectman and in other important positions. In 1850 he represented Avon in the State Legislature, discharging his duties in that incumbency with the same regard for the wishes of his constituency as he displayed lesser offices, and he lived an upright, conscientious Christian life, earning and retaining the highest esteem of all with whom he came in contact, in any of the relations of life. He possessed a genial, sociable disposition, which won for him friends on all sides, was temperate in all his habits, and with a character strong and a high sense of duty was in every way fitted for the important position he occupied among his fellow citizens. He was married in Farmington to Miss Sally Andrews, and their union was blessed with four children: Oliver Thomas; James N., who occupies the homestead; Fanny, wife of Charles H. Miller; and Jeffrey, who was drowned when eleven years old. The father passed away in 1864, in his sixtieth year, the mother on Oct. 18, 1893, at the home of her son, Oliver, in Avon, and they were buried in Cider Brook cemetery. Mr. Bishop was a Whig in political affiliation. Mrs. Bishop was a woman of fine Christian character, devoted to her home and family, and beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Oliver T. Bishop received his primary schooling in the home district, later attending the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and West Hartford Academy, where he received a thorough, practical training for the business of life. He was reared to farm life, remaining on the home place until 1875, he and his brother James undertaking the management of the farm after their father's death. Mr. Bishop has since made his home at the Center, where in 1881 he embarked in the mercantile business with which he has ever since been connected, at first in company with George N. Phelps, with whom he was associated for six years. In 1887 he bought out Mr. Phelps' interest in the store, which he conducted alone until 1898, when his nephew, Harry P. Bishop, was taken into partnership, and they are now doing business under the firm name of O. T. Bishop & Co. The business has always remained at the original location, and though he entered mercantile life without any previous knowledge of its demands, or experience of any kind in that line, Mr. Bishop has met with flattering success, a success which, if it stood alone, would do him great credit. But it is not alone as a general merchant that he has attained a prominent position in this locality. He has become interested in the tobacco business, and as a member of the firm of F. Ripley & Co. has given the same careful attention to that line which won him success as a storekeeper. Though it would seem that his commercial affairs were sufficient to absorb all his time and attention, Mr. Bishop has found time to serve his fellow men to an unusual extent, and his executive ability and capacity as a manager have been of great value to the town in which he has passed his busy life, for he has been called upon to serve in every office in the gift of his townsmen, and it is needless to say has given universal satisfaction as a public servant.

Mr. Bishop was first appointed postmaster under President Arthur, and served four years, was reappointed in the Harrison administration, serving four years, and is now filling his third term in that incumbency, with the same efficiency which characterizes all his work. He has held the offices of selectman, chairman of the board, justice of the peace for many years, tax collector for eight years, member of the board of relief, school visitor, clerk of the school committee, town treasurer for several years—an office he still fills—and notary public since 1886. In 1876 he was elected town clerk, and served for ten years consecutively, and receiving re-election to that position in 1892 has held the office ever since, in every instance discharging his duties in a manner which could not fail to win the approval of all concerned, and never disappointing his supporters as a consistently public-spirited and trustworthy man, working for the welfare and advancement of his town in any capacity. He has always been a friend of education, and gives his hearty support to any measures which he believes will benefit the public schools. In 1860 Mr. Bishop represented the town of Avon in the State Legislature. It would be difficult, indeed, to find a citizen better known or more highly respected throughout his part of Hartford county, and it is conceded by all that Mr. Bishop has fully deserved the high standing he enjoys in the community, for he has been devoted to its interests from early manhood, and has done all in his power to give Avon a place among the most progressive and well-improved towns in the county. Like his father before him, he has a pleasant, friendly disposition, which has

gained for him hosts of friends wherever he goes, and his personal worth has gone far toward strengthening the position which his intellectual ability has won. He is liberal in religious matters, endeavoring in his dealings with his fellow men to follow the Golden Rule. Politically he has always been an ardent Republican, and an active worker in the ranks of the party. He is thoroughly familiar with matters pertaining to his town, county and State, and, keeping abreast of the times, is well informed on leading public events.

In 1875 Mr. Bishop was united in marriage, at Beverly, Mass., with Miss Frances E. Prince, a highly educated and cultured lady, who was born Aug. 6, 1847, in Beverly, daughter of Warren Prince, of that town. She was a school teacher before her marriage. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop: (1) Mabel L., born in 1878, received her early education in the private and district schools of Avon, was graduated from McLean Seminary in 1895, and with the class of '99 from Wellesley (Mass.) College; she has high literary attainments. (2) Elsie P., born in 1880, attended the district and private schools, and in 1897 was graduated from McLean Seminary; she is specially proficient in painting and music, and gives promise of talent as an artist. (3) Carlton T., born in 1882, attended the district schools, graduated from Williston Academy, East Hampton, Mass., in 1900, and in the fall of that year entered Yale College; he is quite a student of mathematics. The family occupy a high position socially, and their home is one of the most desirable and pleasant in the town, being the center of a delightful and refined hospitality.

HON. MARTIN W. FRISBIE, one of the leading and influential agriculturists of Southington, was born in that town Oct. 29, 1840, a son of Martin and Sarah (Moore) Frisbie. The father, a prominent farmer of Southington, was also born in that town Oct. 12, 1803, and spent his entire life on the old homestead. He was married Sept. 23, 1827, to Sarah Moore, and to them were born five children: Martin and Sylvester, both deceased; Thankful, deceased wife of Frank B. Hays; Sarah L., who married (first) William H. Harrison and (second) Edward W. Twichell; and Martin W., our subject.

Ichabod Culpepper Frisbie, the paternal grandfather of our subject, formerly of Bradford, Conn., located in Southington, where he was married, Dec. 15, 1785, to Thankful Moss, a daughter of Elihu and Esther (Clark) Moss. To them were born seven children: Sylvester; Amon; Sarah, wife of Root Gridley; Lucy, wife of Chauncey Porter; Phila, wife of Hopkins Carter; Samuel; and Martin. Ichabod C. Frisbie was in the Revolutionary war. He represented the town in the Legislature, and held many positions of trust.

Roswell Moore, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Southington June 23, 1761, and was married Oct. 8, 1787, to Lovina Phillips. He was a prominent man of his town and held many important offices, representing Southington in the Legislature for twenty-one sessions, and serving as justice of the peace for many years. He died April 9, 1847, his wife on July 25, 1843. His father, Roswell Moore, Sr., of Shuttle Meadow, was born in East Windsor May 17, 1728, and made his home near Shuttle Meadow Lake. He was married June 30, 1755, to Desire Dunham, a daughter of Gideon Dunham, and died Dec. 13, 1794. He was a son of John Moore, who was born March 21, 1694, and was married Dec. 2, 1724, to Abigail Stoughton. For several years he made his home in East Windsor, Conn., but died at Lake George, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1758. His father, John Moore, was born in Windsor June 26, 1665, and was married Feb. 8, 1693, to Abigail Strong. He made his home in East Windsor. He was a son of John Moore, who was born in Windsor Dec. 5, 1645, and lived and died there. On Sept. 21, 1664, he married Hannah Goffe. His father, who also bore the name of John Moore, was the founder of the family in the New World, locating in Dorchester, Mass., in 1630, and in 1635, was among the first to locate in Windsor, Conn. He was frequently called upon to serve as juror, was deputy to the General Court from Windsor in 1662, 1665, 1667 and 1674, and was a prominent man of his day and generation. He died Sept. 18, 1677.

Martin W. Frisbee, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared on the old homestead, and pursued his studies in the public schools of the neighborhood and later in Lewis and Bacon Academies. Throughout his entire business career he has followed the occupation of farming, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. During the Civil war, he laid aside all personal interests, and on August 8, 1862, enlisted in Company E, 20th Conn. V. I., with which he served as corporal for three years, participating in all of the engagements in which the regiment took part. He was honorably discharged at New Haven, in June, 1865, and returned home to resume the more quiet pursuits of farm life.

Mr. Frisbie has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Julia Bradley, and his second Miss Charlotte Carter, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Upson) Carter. By the second union he has four children: John C., Martin M., Sarah E. and Lena. Religiously he is a member of the First Congregational Church of Southington, and fraternally he is a member of Trumbull Post, No. 16, G. A. R., of the same place, of which he is past commander, and also of Union Grange, P. of H., of which he was the first master. He has been a member and chairman of the board of relief of Southington for many years, and represented the town in the State Legislature in 1879 and 1880. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust

reposed in him, and as an honored citizen and representative man of the community he is worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held. Politically he is a Republican.

DAVID H. CARRIER, a successful agriculturist of Glastonbury, is one of the representative self-made men of that town, and holds the esteem and confidence of the community in a marked degree.

Mr. Carrier's ancestors were early settlers in Colchester, New London Co., Conn. Thomas Carrier, with his sons Richard and Andrew, took up claims there about the year 1700, coming from Andover, Mass., where Martha, his wife, was executed as a witch in 1692. Thomas Carrier had belonged to the bodyguard of King Charles I of Great Britain, and was notorious for fleetness of foot even after he was more than one hundred years old. He was a Welshman, and it is claimed by his descendants that he was 113 years old at the time of his decease, May 16, 1735. Our subject is descended from his son Andrew, who married Mary Adams Jan. 11, 1704. In tracing the genealogy we find that Andrew Carrier, Jr., was born Feb. 2, 1705, and married Ruth Adams Dec. 27, 1733. Samuel Carrier was born Jan. 6, 1739, and was married to Rebecca Rockwell Dec. 16, 1765. Nine children were born to them, the last one being Oliver, who was born Aug. 2, 1784. He engaged in farming in his native town, and died there Sept. 23, 1899. He married Jerusha Ingraham, a near relative of the noted pioneer in clock manufacturing at Bristol, Conn., and they had three children: Joseph, our subject's father; Emily, who married Bishop Root, of Hebron, Conn., both now deceased; and Oliver, a farmer, who died in Colebrook, Conn. The mother for her second husband married Benjamin Root, of Hebron, Conn., and they reared a family of five children.

Joseph Carrier was born July 18, 1805, in Colchester, Westchester Society, New London Co., Conn., where he was reared, receiving the average education given to boys of his day. As a young man he followed the blacksmith's trade, but much of his life was spent in farming, at West Hartland, Conn. He was noted for the success he had in bringing to a stage of productiveness a run-down farm, several farms of that town having felt the quickening impulses of his ability. He was one of the leading citizens of the town in his day, holding various local offices, and serving as a representative in the State Legislature in 1854. He died March 9, 1886. Joseph Carrier married Chelsea M. Huxford, who was born in Marlboro, Conn., Feb. 8, 1807, a daughter of Gamaliel and Chelsea (Hosford) Huxford, the former born July 6, 1779, the latter on Aug. 9, 1782. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, stationed at New London, Conn. Joseph and Chelsea M. Carrier had the following children: Selden, a blacksmith by trade, who settled in West Hartland, where he died; David H., mentioned more fully below; Miletus, who served in the Civil war, in Company E, 25th Conn. V. I., and died July 15, 1863, in New Orleans, of wounds received in battle at Port Hudson; Joseph, who settled in the West; Dudley, now residing in Middletown, Conn.; Samuel, who occupies the old homestead in West Hartland; and Lorintha, who married George F. Clark, now of Granby Station, Connecticut.

Our subject was born Feb. 25, 1830, at West Hartland, where he attended a district school and the academy during boyhood. He remained at home until he attained his majority, when he went to Windsor, Conn., and secured employment as a farm hand. Proving himself a good worker and an efficient manager, he soon became foreman on a large farm belonging to Mrs. Susan A. Wilson, in that part of Windsor now known as Wilson Station. His wages were good for that time, ranging from $20 per month at the beginning to $28 per month as his responsibilities increased. After managing Mrs. Wilson's farm for six years he rented it for three years, and in 1862 he purchased a part of his present homestead in Glastonbury, formerly known as the "Abner Mosley place." In his farming operations he has devoted special attention to dairying, and the cultivation of tobacco and garden vegetables. In the spring of 1879 he bought and moved to an adjoining place with twenty-five acres of land. Two acres more of meadow land were purchased in 1895, making a total of seventy-five acres in the farm. In politics Mr. Carrier is independent so far as local affairs are concerned, but he is an earnest believer in the principles of the Prohibition party. He is a charter member of Glastonbury Grange, No. 26, P. of H., and was the first master of same. He was one of the incorporators of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Connecticut, and is now a director and member of the executive committee of same. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Hartford. Since settling in Glastonbury the family have attended the Congregational Church in that place.

On April 26, 1859, Mr. Carrier married Miss Mary J. Spelman, who was born April 26, 1829, in East Granville, Mass., daughter of William H. and Jane (Clark) Spelman, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. They had three children William H., Cordelia Jane, and Mary J. (Mrs. Carrier).

Mr. and Mrs. Carrier have had five children: Byron Spelman married Phebe Chapman, of Hanover, Conn., and resides in Manchester, where he is engaged in mercantile business; they have four children, Helen, Gertrude, Raymond Chapman and Frederick Howard. Lucy Lorintha died Jan. 24, 1899, unmarried; she was a graduate of the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and became an accomplished woman, devoting her life to teaching; she was an active member of the Grange, and was

highly esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances. Frederick Wilson also graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute, and then entered Brown University, Providence, R. I.; he died during his Sophomore year, at the age of twenty-three. William Harmon married Nellie Adeline Atwater, of Cheshire, Conn., and they have one child, William Harmon, Jr. George Huxford, who also graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute, married Kate L. Dunham, of Hockanum. These two sons reside in Glastonbury, where they are engaged in farming upon the home acres.

SHERMAN BLAKESLEE. Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. It is one of the glories of our nation that it is so. Prominent among the self-made men of Southington is the subject of this sketch, now president of the Blakeslee Forging Co., and a prominent and enterprising citizen of Plantsville.

Mr. Blakeslee was born in Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., Nov. 3, 1840, a son of Sherman and Nancy M. (Mix) Blakeslee. The father was born in Watertown, Conn., Sept. 5, 1815, and in early life was engaged in the manufacture of spoons at Prospect and later at Cheshire. At one time he was also interested in general merchandising at Cheshire and Yalesville. His children were Sherman, Lauren, George W., Mary E., and Laura E. Our subject is a descendant of Samuel Blakeslee, a native of England, and a blacksmith by trade, who came to this country and settled in Boston, Mass., about 1630, but later removed to New Haven, Conn. Manning Blakeslee, our subject's paternal grandfather, was a farmer of New Haven county, whose wife was Sally Wilmot. The maternal grandfather of our subject, William Mix, lived at different times in Wallingford and Prospect, and was the first manufacturer of the Britannia spoon in America. His wife was, in her maidenhood, Laura Hall, of Wallingford.

Sherman Blakeslee spent his boyhood and youth in New Haven county, where he attended the common schools, and he began his business career as a shop hand. In 1868 he located in Plantsville, and was associated with the firm of H. D. Smith & Co., as a contractor for the manufacture of carriage joints, until 1877, when he embarked in the manufacture of carriage hardware and special drop forgings as a member of the firm of Blakeslee & Co. This firm existed until 1896, when it was incorporated as the Blakeslee Forging Co., our subject being chosen president, in which capacity he still serves. To his able management is due the success of the enterprise.

Mr. Blakeslee has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Bertha Carroll, the second Miss Olive S. Adams, a daughter of Orson S. and Eunice (Robbins) Adams, of Plantsville. By the second marriage he has one son, Dewey S., born Nov. 19, 1882. Mr. Blakeslee is an earnest member of the Congregational Church, with which his wife also unites, and also belongs to Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he is now efficiently serving as burgess of Southington.

BULKELEY. The Bulkeley family is traced back to a remote period of English history, and the name is derived from a ridge of mountains in the County Palatine of Chester, being originally spelled Buclough (larger mountains). The founder of the family was Robert Bulkeley, Lord of the Manor of Bulkeley. [For a detailed account of the different branches in England and Ireland see Chapman's Bulkeley Genealogy, Lyson's Magnolia, King's History of Chester.]

In Grammoret's "Memories" it is stated that Henry, first Viscount Bulkeley, married Lady Sophia Stewart, sister of the Duchess of Richmond. Of their daughters, the eldest married the Duke of Berwick, son of King James II and Arabella Churchill, sister of the great Duke of Marlborough. A second daughter married Lord Clare, ancestor of Marshall Thormond. This is the family of Talbot, Earls of Tyrconnel, a descendant of whom, Dick Talbott, founded the town of Ontario, named after him. Bulkeley (Bedfordshire) descendants of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, founder of Concord, Mass., 1635. The family descended from Robert Bulkeley, Lord of the Manor of Bulkeley, County Palatine of Chester, in the reign of King John, 1199-1216. Arms: sa, a chev., ar. between three bulls' heads ar., affronte. Crest, out of a ducal coronet or, rampant. Motto: *Nec temere nec timide* (neither rashly nor timidly).

The following is taken from family records:

Robert Bulkeley, Lord Buclough, County Cheshire, A. D. 1200.

William De Bulkeley.

Robert De Bulkeley, son and heir of William, married a daughter of Butler of Bewsey, Warrington. William De Bulkeley, 1302, married Maude, daughter of Sir John Davenport.

Robert Bulkeley owned Eaton in Davenham and Alstanton. His wife's name was Agnes.

Peter Bulkeley, of Haughton, married Nicols, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bird, by whom he had lands in Alpraham.

John Bulkeley, of Haughton, married Arderne, daughter and heiress of John Fitley, of Woose Salop.

Hugh De Bulkeley, of Woose, married Hellen, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woose.

Humphrey Bulkeley, of Woose, married Grisell, daughter and heiress of John Molton, of Molton.

William Bulkeley, of Oakley, married Beatrice, daughter of William Hill, of Bunsingstall.

Thomas Bulkeley, of Woose, Salop, married Elizabeth, daughter of Randall Grosvenor, of Bellaport.

Edward Bulkeley, D. D., rector of Odell, Bedfordshire, prebendary of Litchfield, married Olive Ilsby, of Lincolnshire.

Thomas, first Viscount seated at Baron Hill, near Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey, was advanced by King Charles I to the dignity of Viscount Bulkeley, June 6, 1643, and made master of the King's household. He left five sons. Henry, one of the sons, married Lady Sophia Stewart, sister of the beautiful Duchess of Richmond. Of the daughters of Henry, one married the Duke of Berwick, son of King James II, of England. The other daughters, all celebrated for their beauty, were Charlotte, Henrietta and Laura. The former married Lord Clare (killed at Ramillies). He was an ancestor of the Marshall Thormond.

Rev. Peter Bulkeley was born at Odell, Bedfordshire, Jan. 1, 1583. At sixteen years of age he was admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, of which he was chosen fellow, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He succeeded his father in the rich benefice of Odell, and soon became celebrated for his eloquence, and especially for his vigor and courage in denouncing the scandals of the time. Incurring the ill will of Archbishop Laud, he was soon, in common with many other brilliant lights of the Established Church, silenced for nonconformity. He now determined to leave the country, and, converting property to the amount of £6,000 into money, he eluded the vigilance of the authorities, who had orders to prevent his departure, and embarked on the ship "Susan and Ellen" in 1635, while his wife, Grace Chetwoode, sailed on another vessel, leaving a few days later.

Rev. Peter Bulkeley, in 1635, soon after his arrival, settled in Concord, Mass., where a monument now stands marking the site of his house. His church, organized in 1636, July 5, was the twelfth in the Colony. His distinguished reputation, his noble birth and his wealth excited no envy among his colleagues. All loved and admired him, for his life was spent in good works and noble self-sacrifice. He died in 1659, at the age of seventy-five years. The famous divine, Rev. Cotton Mather, in preaching his funeral sermon, said: "When he came abroad in the world a good benefice befell him, added unto the estate of a gentleman, left him by his father, whom he succeeded in the ministry at the place of his nativity, which one would imagine was temptation enough to keep him out of the wilderness; nevertheless the concern which his renewed soul had for the pure worship of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the planting of evangelical churches to exercise that worship caused him to leave and sell all, in hopes of gaining the 'Pearl of great price' among those who first peopled New England upon those glorious ends. To this country he therefore came, in 1635, and having been for a while at Cambridge, he carried a good number of planters with him up further into the woods, where they gathered the Twelfth Church then founded in the Colonies and called the town by the name of Concord. Here he buried a great estate while he raised one still for almost every person whom he employed in the affairs of his husbandry. He had many and goodly servants, whom, after they had lived with him a fit number of years, he still dismissed with bestowing favors upon them, and so took others after the like manner to succeed them in their service and his kindness." Thus he cast his bread upon the waters and into the earth, not expecting the return of this his charity to a religious plantation until "after many days," but "after many days," if the good old man could have returned from his grave, he would have seen, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of Concord, a vast concourse, among them the proudest and best names in the land, many of them his lineal descendants, all of them vieing with one another in rendering homage to his memory. How touching are the lines (translated from the Latin) that he wrote as he felt death stealing over him:

I've reached the evening of my mortal day,
  A sluggish mass of clay is this my frame,
Yet grant, O God, that while I live I may
  Live to the glory of Thy holy Name,
And if in life I may not honor Thee,
From such dishonor may death set me free.

Whether within Thy holy courts below,
  I preach salvation unto dying men,
Or in Thine upper Temple, with the flow
  Of angel quirings blend my raptured strain,
Living or dying, Thine I still would be,
My life and death, alike, are due to Thee.

His wife, Lady Grace Chetwoode, was a daughter of Sir Richard Chetwoode, of Souden, and his wife, Dorothy, daughter of Sir Robert Needham, of Shevington, County Salop. Sir Richard was a son of Richard Chetwoode, of Chetwoode, County Bucks. He was a gentleman of the Privy Chamber of King Edward VI. His will is dated July 6, 1559. His wife was Agnes, sole daughter and heiress of Baron Woodhull, of Woodhull, County Bedford, and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir John Smith Kent, Baron of the Exchequer. Richard Chetwoode was a son of Roger Chetwoode, of Rus and Wurlestine, County Chester, who married, 1522, Ellen, daughter of Thomas Masterton, of "The Wyche," County Chester. Tradition states that Grace Chetwoode before arriving in America was taken seriously ill, and lying in a trance for three days was thought to be dead. Being a Lady she was not buried at sea, but on being removed to the shore manifested signs of life, recovered, and shortly after gave birth to her child. In commemoration of their compulsory departure from their native land, the child was given the name of Gersham

(an exile). From this Gersham Bulkeley are descended those whose descent we trace.

The Rev. Peter Bulkeley also brought over with him Rev. Edward Bulkeley, a son of his first wife, Jane Allen, daughter of Thomas Allen, of Goldington, whose nephew was the Lord Mayor of London.

Gersham Bulkeley, the third son of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, was born Dec. 6, 1636, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1655, before completing his nineteenth year. He married, Oct. 26, 1658, Sarah, daughter of President Charles Chauncey, of Harvard. She was born in Ware, England, June 13, 1631, and died June 19, 1669. Rev. Gersham preached for a time at New London and Wethersfield, 1665 to 1667. Becoming interested in chemistry and philosophy, and noting the absence of proper surgeons in the Colony, he determined to adopt the practice of medicine and surgery, and was appointed by the General Court in 1675 surgeon to the army against the Indians. He died at Wethersfield Dec. 2, 1713. The inscription on his monument says: "He was honorable in his descent, of rare abilities, extraordinary industry, excellent learning, master of many languages, exquisite in his skill in divinity, physic and law, and of a most exemplary and Christian life." One of his sons, John, was the first minister in Colchester.

Edward Bulkeley, the fifth child of Rev. Gersham and Sarah Chauncey, was born in 1673, and married, 1702, Dorothy Prescott, of Concord, Mass. He died in 1749, aged seventy-five. His monument at Rocky Hill, surmounted by his arms, described him as "Hon. Capt. Edward Bulkeley, Esq." His wife was a daughter of Maj. Jonathan Prescott, of Concord, who died in 1729, and his wife, Rebecca Bulkeley, only daughter of Hon. Col. Peter Bulkeley, born in 1641, son of Rev. Edward Bulkeley, mentioned before as son of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, founder of Concord, by his first wife.

Justus Bulkeley was born in Wethersfield Dec. 26, 1752, the youngest of the six children of Peter and Abagail Curtis Bulkeley. For years he was engaged in mercantile business on the bank of the Connecticut river, near Rocky Hill. Joseph, his brother, whose descendants live in New York, was also a merchant, and ran a vessel from the West Indies, bringing rum and carrying out produce.

Col. William Bulkeley, born Dec. 7, 1797, in Wethersfield (now Rocky Hill), was one of the nine children of Justus and Mabel Boardman Bulkeley, Gov. Bulkeley's ancestors to Colchester. Col. Bulkeley was educated in the common schools and the academy at Wethersfield, and in early life went to Berlin, where he learned the business of manufacturing tinman's tools. He went West with a brother, and on his return started in business with horse-power, but later added an engine. Six or eight men were employed in making tools, and for eight years he employed about twenty men in manufacturing spoons, having taken the business of a man who failed, and for whom he had made tools. For some time he conducted a grocery in Middletown, and about seventy-five years ago he purchased the present family homestead at Berlin, now occupied by his son, William. His shop, which has been deserted since his death, still stands opposite the residence, and the old sign, J. & W. Bulkeley (Justus & William Bulkeley), which was painted seventy years ago, is still there. Col. William Bulkeley died Nov. 10, 1878, in his eighty-first year, and until the last he continued his interest in business and current events. He was prominent in politics, and spent two terms as representative in the State Legislature, having been elected the last time in 1857. He was selectman in 1850, when the town was divided from New Britain, also during the Civil war, and again in 1868. At a special town meeting, June 26, 1850, Ira Cole and William Bulkeley were selectmen and signed a call for a town meeting, at which meeting it was voted to relinquish all claim to two representatives and consent forever hereafter to have but one representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut. For ten years Col. Bulkeley served as assessor, and his military title was gained as an officer in the 6th Connecticut Militia. He was married, Sept. 10, 1827, at the present family residence, to Caroline Beckley, a native of Wethersfield, and a descendant of Richard Beckley, the first settler at Berlin. They had the following children: William, mentioned below; George Hart, born April 27, 1837, who died when two years old; and Julia Caroline, born Sept. 9, 1839, who stays at home with her brother, William.

William Bulkeley, son of Col. William, and one of the leading residents of Berlin, was born July 18, 1829, in the same house in which he now resides. He attended the local academy and a private school taught by Rev. Joseph Whittlesey, and at the age of eighteen began to assist in his father's business, the tools being then made by hand. He has always resided at the homestead, an attractive estate of twenty-five acres, but he has not much time to devote to its management. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and has served as president of the Berlin Savings Bank since the death of Alfred North, the former president, in 1892. His judgment in business affairs is much respected, and he has been appointed administrator of more estates than any other man in Berlin. His disposition is modest and unassuming, and as a public official he carries out the convictions that he is simply a servant of the people. Like his father he was first a Whig and then a Republican, and he was the last man in Berlin to vote the Whig ticket. In local elections he votes for the best man, while his popularity is seen from the fact that both parties have endorsed him for the office of town clerk. In 1865 he was chosen representative, the session meeting at Hartford. P. T. Barnum was also a member that year. Mr. Bulkeley served ten years

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as registrar of voters, three years as collector of taxes, and fourteen years as town clerk and treasurer, having been first elected to the latter office Oct. 4, 1880. He is a member of the Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society, and he was prominent in Sunday-school work in his younger days, serving several years as librarian. The public library in Berlin, formerly a private library, is much indebted to him, as he was one of the promoters of the movement to revive and remodel it on the present plan.

HENRY BUCK, late postmaster at Addison, was the owner of a large general store, the first established in the place. He was a self-made man, his success being due to conservative business methods and untiring industry, and the story of his life will be of general interest.

Mr. Buck was born July 12, 1856, in Fromensee, Germany, where his family is well known, the name, however, being spelled Bauch, and pronounced accordingly. His father, Lawrence Bauch, a lifelong resident of Fromensee, married Katrina Katzman, of the same town, and had six children as follows: Mary, who resides in Waterbury, Conn., with her brother Lawrence; John, who married Charlotte Fladd, and resides in Glastonbury; George, who married, and settled in Hartford; Henry, our subject; Valentine, a tailor in Glastonbury, unmarried; Lawrence, who married and settled in Waterbury.

Henry Buck received a limited school education in his native town, and at an early age began to learn the tailor's trade, under August Klopperd, of Germany. He received no wages and had hardly anything to eat, being obliged at times to take potatoes from the pot while his employer was not looking in order to satisfy his hunger. He served only two years of his time, having made up his mind to come to America, and, as he had no money, funds were sent him by his relatives in Addison. He sailed from Saxony on a steam vessel and after a voyage lasting thirteen days landed in New York, coming to Hartford by boat and then to Addison. His brother, John, was already located there, and through his assistance our subject secured work in Crosby Woolen Co.'s Mills, where he remained about three years, when the firm discontinued business. With his earnings he purchased an old horse and wagon, of which he said, "their aggregate age was fifty years," and began peddling notions, watches and jewelry through the State of Connecticut. This business he continued successfully for eight years, and in 1883 he built the store and residence which he afterward occupied. The town was then known as Eagleville, and in 1889 the name was changed to Addison and a postoffice established, our subject being the first postmaster. He was a Democrat in politics, and was not identified with any fraternal organization.

On May 4, 1880, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Katherine Eberhart, who was born March 30, 1862, at Wittenberg, Germany, the daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Geiger) Eberhart. Her mother now resides at our subject's late home. Mr. and Mrs. Buck had one child, Ruth Washington, born February 22, 1885. Mr. Buck passed away in August, 1900.

EDMUND SANFORD (deceased), through the long years of his identification with Hartford county, enjoyed the highest respect of his fellow citizens by reason of his strict integrity and sterling worth. His devotion to the public welfare also made him a valued factor in public life, and by his death Avon was deprived of one of her best citizens.

Mr. Sanford was born in Avon, Jan. 16, 1824, and was educated in the schools of that town. At the age of twenty-five years he went to Louisiana, where he was overseer on the plantation of S. & R. Tillotson, and while there he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Tillotson, a daughter of Ira Tillotson. On his return to Connecticut, in 1850, he engaged in farming and lumbering in Avon, and there continued to make his home until called from this life in 1892. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Congregational Church of Unionville, and in politics was an ardent Republican. His worth and ability were widely recognized, and he was elected to various local offices, including those of selectman and assessor, and in 1871 he represented Avon in the State Legislature. Three children were born to Edmund and Mary E. (Tillotson) Sanford, namely: (1) Henry Tillotson, born in May, 1852, died in 1883. (2) Frank, born Dec. 23, 1853, is mentioned below. (3) Charles Jesse, born in July, 1865, is a farmer of Avon. He wedded Miss Mary Gillespie, and has five children—Elizabeth, Harriet, Ruth, Frances and Edmund David.

FRANK SANFORD pursued his studies in the schools of Avon and Unionville, and when his education was completed turned his attention to farming and lumbering, being first engaged in business with his father and uncle, Sherman Sanford, of Unionville. In 1884 he was engaged in business as a dealer in lumber, hardware and building material in Unionville, becoming a member of the firm of Sherman & Frank Sanford. At the end of a year his uncle retired from business, and our subject formed a partnership with C. R. Hawley, under the firm name of Sanford & Hawley; they have since successfully carried on operations, and have enlarged the business, carrying a large line of agricultural implements, fertilizers, etc. From the beginning their trade has steadily increased, and their patronage now comes from a territory many miles in extent.

In Unionville Frank Sanford was united in marriage with Miss Marion Hawley, a daughter of Robert Hawley, of Avon, who was killed in the battle of Antietam during the Civil war. Three children have been born of this union, namely:

Marian Conklin, Truman Frank and Robert Hawley. Socially Mr. Sanford is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and religiously is a member of the Congregational Church and Society in Unionville.

MUZZY FAMILY.—ADRIAN JAMES MUZZY, born in Bristol, Conn., Jan. 24, 1851, has long been prominent in his town and State. He was founder, in 1876, of the dry-goods firm of A. J. Muzzy & Co., the largest house of its kind in the locality; was chief promoter and charter member of the Bristol & Plainville Tramway Co., of which he is a director and its secretary; and is president of the Masonic Building Co. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Royal Arcanum; clerk of Trinity Parish for over twenty years, of which church and society he is an active member; has served as director of the Y. M. C. A., and as superintendent of the West Cemetery Association; member of Farmington Country Club, and New Britain Club; director in New Britain Hospital, Bristol Press Publishing Co., and Board of Trade; Son of the American Revolution; member of the State Legislature, 1891-97; and Republican State Senator from the Fourth District in 1899, serving as chairman of the committee on Appropriations, and on Executive Nominations. Mr. Muzzy is interested and active in all measures for public welfare or private good. His ancestry, as far as traced, is as follows:

MUZZY (also spelled Muzzey). (I) Robert Muzzey, freeman at Ipswich, Mass., in 1634, had wife Bridget; came probably in the "Mary and John" with two brothers, John and Abraham. Children: Joeph, b. 1628, m. Esther Jackman; Robert[2]; Benjamin[1]; Mary m. John Seuter; and Ellen.

(II) Benjamin[1], third son of Robert, b. 1630, at Malden, Mass., moved to Cambridge Farms (now Lexington), Mass., and became ancestor of all of that name in Lexington. He m. Alice Dexter [see]. His name appears on the "Records of the Early Proprietors of Boston," in various large land transactions in and around Boston—1673 to 1687, inclusive. Children: Benjamin[2], b. 1657; Joseph, b. 1658-9; Richard; Sarah, m. John Waite.

(III) Benjamin[2], eldest son of Benjamin[1], b. April 16, 1657, d. May, 1732; m. Sarah Langhorne [see]. The signature of Benjamin Muzzy[2], together with that of John Hancock, appears as witness to a will, now in Lexington Museum. He was one of the largest tax-payers in Lexington, a subscriber toward the erection of the first meeting-house, and on committee to purchase land for the support of the ministry. He was constable, 1694; assessor, 1700; tything-man, 1716. In 1711 the town bought land from him for a public common, he himself contributing liberally toward its purchase. [Histories of Lexington, Spencer and Cambridge; Savage, Hudson, Draper, etc.] It was this same common upon which the battle of Lexington was afterward fought, April 19, 1775. He was the g. g. f. of Isaac Muzzy (unmarried), who was one of the eight men killed at this first battle of the American Revolution, and whose name appears on the Lexington monument. Three other descendants of Benjamin were also in the engagement: John, who was one of fourteen men who faced the British while the others rallied. Amos, whose house was ransacked by the British; and Thaddeus. Children of Benjamin[2] and Sarah: Mary, b. 1683 at Cambridge; John[1], b. 1685-86; Benjamin[3], b. 1689, m. Patience ——; Richard, drowned 1719; Amos, b. 1699; Bethiah, b. 1701, m. —— Fiske; and Thomas.

(IV) John[1], b. 1685-86, was m. three times. His first wife, Elizabeth (Bradshaw), was the mother of John[2] (below). John[1] was the first "inn-holder" at Lexington.

(V) John[2] (deacon), b. May 12, 1714, at Lexington, moved to Spencer, Mass., 1738-39; m. Abigail Reed (dau. of Benjamin Reed. She was b. March 30, 1720, at Lexington, d. February, 1756). Had fifteen children, all of whom lived to maturity, of whom John[3] was probably the eldest. Deacon John m. a second time, but had no children by that union.

(VI) John[3], b. Dec. 9, 1737, m. Mary Ball [see]. Was taken to Spencer, Mass., when two years old, by his father, Deacon John. During the American Revolution he, with his father, served on the Committee on Correspondence. Among his children was Isaac[1].

(VII) Isaac[1], b. at Spencer, Mass., 1775, m. (first) Aug. 6, 1797, Sally Ball (dau. of Daniel Ball, who was b. at Framingham, Mass., Dec. 29, 1722, moved to Brookfield 1752, and, later to Spencer; he m. Elizabeth Prouty). Children, b. to Isaac[1] and Sally (Ball) Muzzy: Rebecca, Betsy Horace (?) and Isaac[2]. By his second marriage (with Sally May) Isaac[1] had no children.

(VIII) Isaac[2], first of the family in Connecticut, b. at Spencer, Mass., July 25, 1803, d. in Connecticut Feb. 5, 1865; m. May 23, 1823, Hannah Minerva Mix [see]. Children: (1) Henry Isaac, b. 1824 [see below]. (2) Chloe Jane, b. 1825 (m. Hiram Spelman. Child, Adelbert m. Gertrude Pilgrim; four children—Frank, Minnie Leslie and——). (3) Hannah Minerva, b. 1828 (m. Josiah Pierce; three children: (a) Dwight m. Fannie Lloyd, and had three children, May Louise, Franc Elsie, and William Lloyd. (b) Frank died unmarried. (c) William m. Edna Scofield, and had two children, Henry Franklin and William Ernest. (d) Harry m. Minnie Denny, and had two children, Charles Frank and William Burr). (4) Franklin, b. 1832, d. 1855, unmarried. (5) Lyman, b. 1836, d. 1861, unmarried. (6) William Wallace, b. 1846 (m. Anna Lee, 1872; child, Edward Winfield, who served in the Spanish war).

(IX) Henry Isaac, b. March 19, 1824, at Bristol, Conn., m. Mary Elizabeth Beach May 18, 1843 [see]. Children: (1) Clarence Henry (served in the Civil war), b. 1845 (m. Ellen E. Wilcox, and had two children, (a) Leila, who m. William Coe, and

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has one child, Hazel; (b) Robert). (2) George Franklin, b. 1847 (served in navy during the Civil war), d. 1865, unmarried. (3) Charles Edwin, b. 1849 (m. Frances Emma Strickland). (4) Adrian James [see sketch]. (5) Frederick, b. 1853, d. 1874, unmarried. (6) Alice Elizabeth, b. 1855 (m. Frank Winston; children, (a) Ella, (b) Ernest). (7) Ella Jane, b. 1856 (m. Lewie Strong; child, Roy). (8) Frank Lyman, b. 1858, m. (first) Emily Wilcox; one child died; m. (second) Augusta Funck; child, Dorothy). Member of the firm of A. J. Muzzy & Co. (9) Mary Minerva, 1861-1863. (10) Mary Elizabeth, 1864-1873. (11) Arthur George, b. 1866 (m. Martha Ellen Thomas; one child, Ruth). (12) Harriet Beach, b. 1868.

(X) Adrian James (our subject), b. Jan. 24, 1851, m. May 22, 1873, Florence Emlyn Downes [see]. Children: (1) Leslie Adrian, b. Nov. 25, 1876, d. July 18, 1880. (2) Floyd Downes, b. Nov. 14, 1878, d. Jan. 14, 1881. (3) Adrienne Florence.

(XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, born April 19, 1885, member of class of 1901, Bristol High School. She is the only living representative of the eleventh generation in this line..

DEXTER. (I) Richard Dexter, townsman, Boston, 1642; Charlestown, 1644; had wife Bridget ——; children: John, b. about 1640; Sarah, 1644; Elizabeth; Alice; and, perhaps two others. (II) Alice Dexter, b. at Malden, m. Benjamin[1] Muzzey, who was ancestor of all of that name in Lexington, Mass. Children [see Muzzy]. (III) Benjamin[2] Muzzy m. Sarah Langhorne [see]. (IV) John[1] Muzzy m. Elizabeth Bradshaw. (V) John[2] Muzzy m. Abigail Reed. (VI) John[3] Muzzy m. Mary Ball [see]. (VII) Isaac[1] Muzzy m. Sally Ball. (VIII) Isaac[2] Muzzy m. Hannah Minerva Mix [see]. (IX) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary Elizabeth Beach [see]. (X) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

BALL. The Arms of the New England Balls were like those of the Virginia Balls, except for a different crest. Both arms were: "Argent, a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second three mullets of the first." The Virginia crest was a lion; the New England crest was: "A stag trippant ppr." The mottoes were different, the New England motto being: "*Semper Cavete.*" The following is probably the Ball line, though not yet fully proved: (1) John Ball. (II) Nathaniel Ball, Concord, had wife Mary ——; children: John d. 1649; Nathaniel, b. and d. 1649; Ebenezer; Eleazur; John, b. 1660. (III) Eleazur, b. (probably) about 1653 to '58. (IV) Eleazer (Deacon), b. at Concord, Mass., 1698. Was one of the first settlers at Rutland, 1719; removed to Spencer, 1758. (The Balls here were on the committee on Correspondence at Spencer). (V) Mary Ball m. John[3] Muzzy, of Spencer [see].

(VI) Isaac[1] Muzzy m. Sally Ball (Spencer, Mass.) (VII) Isaac[2] Muzzy m. Hannah Minerva Mix (Bristol, Conn.) [see]. (VIII) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary E. Beach [see]. (IX) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy b. 1885.

LANGHORNE. (I) Thomas[1] Langhorne, Cambridge, Mass., 1644; m. Sarah Green [see]. Children: Thomas[2], b. 1647; Sarah, 1649; Elizabeth; Mary; Samuel, 1660; Mercy, 1662; Patience, 1664. He was "town drummer." D. May 6, 1685, aged sixty-eight years. (II) Sarah Langhorne, b. Feb. 26, 1649, at Cambridge, Mass., in a house near the site of the "University Press Pub. Co.," m. Benjamin[2] Muzzy, and d. Jan. 28, 1710, at Lexington, Mass. Had seven children [see Muzzy]. (III) John[1] Muzzy m. Elizabeth Bradshaw. (IV) John[2] Muzzy (deacon) m. Abigail Reed. (V) John[3] Muzzy m. Mary Ball [see]. (VI) Isaac[1] Muzzy m. Sally Ball. (VII) Isaac[2] Muzzy m. Hannah M. Mix [see]. (VIII) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary E. Beach [see]. (IX) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

GREEN. (I) Bartholomew Green came to New England in 1633; freeman at Cambridge, Mass., May 14, 1634; d. 1635. His wife, Elizabeth ——, d. Oct. 28, 1677, aged eighty-eight. Children: Samuel, Nathaniel, Sarah and Phebe; all in Cambridge in 1658. (II) Sarah Green, dau. of Bartholomew, m. Thomas Langhorne, probably about 1646; had seven children [see Langhorne]. (III) Sarah Langhorne m. Benjamin[2] Muzzy [see]. (IV) John[1] Muzzy m. Elizabeth Bradshaw. (V) John[2] Muzzy m. Abigail Reed. (VI) John[3] Muzzy m. Mary Ball [see]. (VII) Isaac[1] Muzzy m. Sally Ball. (VIII) Isaac[2] Muzzy m. Hannah M. Mix [see]. (IX) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary E. Beach [see]. (X) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

MIX. (I) Timothy Mix, b. 1725, d. Jan. 23, 1800, m. Elizabeth ———, b. 1734, d. 1804. His will dated Jan. 14, 1800. (II) Ashbel Mix, b. 1760, d. Feb. 15, 1807, m. Hannah Byington [see]. Child., Hannah Minerva and others. (III) Hannah Minerva Mix, b. April 28, 1805, d. Dec. 9, 1861, m. Isaac[2] Muzzy (first of the name in Connecticut) May 23, 1823; had six children [see Muzzy]. (IV) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary Elizabeth Beach [see]. (V) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (VI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

BYINGTON. (I) Joseph[1] Byington, Bristol, b. 1736, d. Aug. 25, 1798; m. (first) 1757 Jemima Hungerford, who d. 1759; m. (second) Hannah Spencer, 1760. Children: Isaac, b. 1761; Noah, b. 1762; Isaiah, b. 1764; Martin, b. 1767; Clarissa, b. 1770. Hannah Spencer d. 1771. He m. (third) Hannah Warren, Feb. 20, 1772. Children: Hannah, b. Nov. 10, 1773; Meliscent, b. 1775; Chloe, b. 1777; Joseph[2], b. 1778; Asahel, b. 1780; Enos, b. 1781; Newell, b. 1787. Hannah (Warren) Byington was b. 1752, and d. May 13, 1819. Joseph[1] Byington served as lieutenant in the war of the

American Revolution, and his name appears on the records from the "Lexington Alarm," in 1783. (II) Hannah Byington, dau. of Lieut. Joseph and Hannah (Warren) Byington, b. Nov. 10, 1773, d. June 27, 1836; m. Ashbel Mix [see]. (III) Hannah Minerva Mix m. Isaac[2] Muzzy [see]. (IV) Henry Isaac Muzzy m. Mary E. Beach [see]. (V) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (VI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Joseph Byington's Bible record; tombstones; Conn. Records, &c.]

Beach. The family of Beach (or Beche) derives its descent from the ancient family of De la Beche of Aldworth, County of Berks, England. The family of Thomas[1] Beach, of Milford, Conn., 1646, is traced back to 1200 [Beach-Sanford Genealogy]. He m. Sara Platt, dau. of Deacon Richard Platt, and had six children, of whom Thomas[2] is said to have been one, but this lacks proof, so the name is omitted below. (I) Thomas[2] Beach, freeman, d. 1743; m. 1711 Hannah Atwater. Children: Damaris, b. 1714; Amzi, 1716; Abigail, 1718; Eleanor (or Elnory), 1721; Landa (or Landrey), 1727; Samuel, 1729; Asa, 1732; Hannah, 1739. (II) Landa (or Landrey) Beach, b. March 5, 1727, at Milford, m. 1749 Abigail Baldwin (dau. of Lieut. Nathan and Elizabeth (Rogers) Baldwin). They lived together nearly seventy-four years. He d. Feb. 25, 1824, aged ninety-seven, and she on Dec. 24, 1823, aged ninety-six years. They left 7 children; 72 grandchildren; 192 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Children were: Thomas[3] (later of Burlington), David (Plymouth), Thaddeus (who had twelve children) (Plymouth), Abigail Ann (m. Merwin), Samuel (who had ten children), Hannah and Sarah. Landa did service in the war of the American Revolution. (III) David Beach moved to Plymouth, Conn., about 1800; m. Elizabeth Merwin (dau. of John Merwin, of Milford). She d. 1858. Children: John, b. Milford; Eli, b. Plymouth; Nathan; Daniel; Lewis; Betsy; Nathan[2] (his wife was living in 1899); Merritt; Henry. David did guard service in the American Revolution. (IV) Eli Beach, b. (probably) after 1800, in Plymouth, m. Electa Lane. (V) Mary Elizabeth Beach, b. Plymouth, Conn., July 21, 1825, d. May 24, 1881; m. May 18, 1843, Henry Isaac Muzzy, of Bristol; had twelve children [see Muzzy]. (VI) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes. (VII) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Glover. (I) Henry Glover, New Haven, 1647, or earlier, came to New England, probably in the "Elizabeth," from Ipswich, 1634, at the age of twenty-four years. He m. Elinor (or Helena) Wakeman (sister of John, of Hartford); was freeman 1662, and proprietor 1685. He was a prominent man, "who was at once supporter and critic of the governmental system." His name, with that of his wife, appears on many wills, agreements, etc., as trustee and guardian; d. 1689. Children: Mary, 1641; Mercy, 1643; Hannah, 1646; John, 1648; Abigail, 1051-52; Sarah, 1055. (II) Mercy Glover, bapt. Aug., 1643, m. Moses Mansfield, 1664; had children: Abigail, and probably others [see Mansfield]. (III) Abigail Mansfield m. John Atwater. (IV) Hannah Atwater m. Thomas[2] Beach [see]. (V) Landa Beach m. Abigail Baldwin. (VI) David Beach m. Elizabeth Merwin. (VII) Eli Beach m. Electa Lane. (VIII) Mary E. Beach m. Henry I. Muzzy [see]. (IX) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Mansfield. (I) Richard Mansfield, New Haven, as early as 1643, d. Jan. 10, 1655; m. Widow Gilian ——. Children: Moses, Joseph, and possibly others. (II) Moses Mansfield, b. 1640, perhaps in England, d. October, 1703; m. (first) Mercy Glover, 1664 (m., second, Abigail, dau. of Dep.-Gov. Bishop). Was a valuable man in town business, 1673, and representative 1676-77; was assistant governor of Connecticut colony 1690-1701; was assistant judge of Probate Court, and judge of County Court, was major of militia, and lieutenant and captain in the Indian wars. For distinguished service in routing a large party of Indians he received an extensive tract of land within the limits of the town of Mansfield, which was named in his honor. Children: Abigail, Samuel, and others. (III) Abigail Mansfield, dau. of Moses and Mercy (Glover) Mansfield, m. Sept. 13, 1682, John Atwater (probably son of Joshua Atwater and Mary Blackman, dau. of Rev. Adam Blackman). (IV) Hannah Atwater, dau. of John Atwater, b. Dec. 17, 1692, m. Thomas[2] Beach, May 19, 1711 [see]. (V) Landa (or Landrey) Beach m. Abigail Baldwin. (VI) David Beach m. Elizabeth Merwin. (VII) Eli Beach m. Electa Lane. (VIII) Mary Elizabeth Beach m. Henry I. Muzzy [see]. (IX) Adrian James Muzzy m. Florence E. Downes [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Downes Family, called also Downs, Dounis, Dunes, Downe, and (anciently) de Dunes. "Downes" is the oldest spelling known of the present form of the name. Arms: Sable, a stag lodged argent. Used sometimes with helmet, having closed visor. There is historical mention of the Downes family in A. D. 864. [Omeraud's Histories; Herald's Visitations; Conn. Records, etc.]

The original estates of "de Dunes" at Macclesfield, England, may still be seen, with much of interest connected therewith. All of this name who came to America prior to a certain date given by the College of Heralds in England are said by them to have been of this ancient family. John Downes, the regicide, who signed the Death Warrant of Charles I, belonged to this family and used its Arms. The first of the name in America was Richard, Virginia, 1619 [N. E. Gen. Reg.]

(I) John Downes, New Haven, Conn., as early as 1646, when he appears on the Colonial Records as witness in Court; took Oath of Fidelity April 4, 1654; freeman and land-owner; was friend of the

regicides in New Haven; m. Mary ——. Had several children. [A Downes Genealogy is in preparation giving these in full.]

(II) Ebenezer Downes, fourth child of John and Mary, b. April 3, 1667, m. Nov. 28, 1694, Mary (dau. of John Umberfield (or Umphreyville). Ebenezer d. 1711, and was buried in West Haven.

(III) Seth[1] Downes, b. 1704, m. Mercy Sperry [see] June 8, 1727.

(IV) Seth[2] Downes, b. 1730, m. Sarah Wilmot 1751 [probably dau. of Benjamin Wilmot, in New Haven 1647.]

(V) David Downes, b. 1760, d. Dec. 17, 1838, buried at Buck's Hill, near Waterbury; m. Mary Chatterton [see]; children: John, 1783; Patty, 1785; Ephraim, 1787; Polly, 1790; Sukey, 1793; Delia, 1795; Anson, 1797; Samuel, 1799; Anna, 1802. David Downes served in the war of the American Revolution, and received pension.

(VI) Ephraim Downes, b. Dec. 20, 1787, d. Dec. 8, 1860, m. Cloe Painter [see]. He was one of the early clockmakers of the country, beginning 1811, sending his clocks to many States—south and west; retired from business 1842-43. He was representative to General Assembly from Bristol two or three terms; first selectman for several years; one of the founders of Trinity Church, Bristol; a prominent Freemason, and Jeffersonian Democrat. He is buried in the old burying-ground on Downes Street, near his homestead. Children: (1) Rosetta, b. and d. 1822. (2) Franklin, b. June 12, 1824, d. Aug. 24, 1898. (3) George, b. March 6, 1826, d. Sept. 20, 1860, m. Henrietta Payne; no children. (4) Robert Carleton, b. April 19, 1828, was a "forty-niner." He resides at Sutter Creek, Cal., is a member of the Society of California Pioneers, also of Trinity Church, Bristol, Conn. He m. Gertrude Williams Oct. 7, 1856; children: Helen Eliza; Carleton Robert; Walter Ephraim (who is m. and has two children); and George Frederick. (5) Chloe Adeline, b. Feb. 16, 1830, d. June 11, 1891, m. George F. Perry; one child, Mary Adelaide. (6) Delia Adelaide, b. March 23, 1832, resides at the Downes homestead, Bristol; m. William Ives Morgan, a "forty-niner;" children: Helen Adeline, who m. George P. Fessenden, and has one son, Robert; William Carleton, who m. Annie Lynch; Tenta Louise, deceased; Katie Ives, deceased; and James Edward, who m. Irene Getman, and has one son, William. (7) Helen Eliza, b. Jan. 20, 1834, m. Hobart Bishop, son Frederick; all deceased.

(VII) Franklin Downes, b. June 12, 1824, d. Aug. 24, 1898; buried in cemetery on Downes Street, Bristol. He followed the clock business of his father for a time, but later was a dealer in grain. He m. Emeline Upson [see] Nov. 4, 1844; children: Ella Augusta, who m. Dr. Charles R. Upson (Yale); Florence Emlyn, who m. Adrian J. Muzzy; Fannie Ada, who m. Thomas F. Barbour, and had two children, Ruby (deceased) and Marguerite; Frank Ephraim, who m. Mary Annetta Sprague; Mabel Gertrude, who m. Reese McCloskey, and has a son, Downes.

(VIII) Florence Emlyn Downes, b. May 22, 1851, m. Adrian James Muzzy [see] May 22, 1873; children: Leslie Adrian (deceased); Floyd Downes (deceased); Adrienne Florence. Organizing regent of the Katherine Gaylord Chapter, D. A. R., and a life member of the National Society; author and illustrator of D. A. R. Prize Biography of "Katherine Gaylord, Heroine," and other articles. Descended from a number of the first settlers of America, and has a long line of Old World ancestry.

(IX) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. April 19, 1885.

Clark (Clarke, Clerk, Clerke), Downes line. The name was originally Clerk (pronounced with broad English a, as in Darby), and meant at first only an ecclesiastical teacher. Later it came to apply to all those employed in duties the discharge of which demanded a knowledge of reading and writing. (I) James Clark, first planter and original settler of New Haven, 1638, m. Widow Wakefield, Oct. 17, 1661, but she was his second wife, as he had a son Ebenezer 1651, and had family of four in 1643. He had a daughter Mary; and a son John (2), who later moved to Stratford. He signed the Original Agreement entered into by the first settlers of New Haven, and lived and died here. He is said to have been a son of Mate Clark, of the "Mayflower." (II) Mary Clark m. William Chatterton [see]. (III) Samuel Chatterton (1) m. (IV) Samuel Chatterton (2) m. Abigail ———. (V) Samuel Chatterton (3) m. Mary Smith [see]. (VI) Mary Chatterton m. David Downes [see]. (VII) Ephraim Downes m. Cloe Painter [see]. (VIII) Franklin Downes m. Emeline M. Upson [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Sperry. (1) Richard Sperry (1), b. in England; New Haven, 1649; m. Dennis ———; friend of the "Regicides" who signed Death Warrant of Charles I, after their arrival in New Haven. (II) Richard Sperry (2), b. Jan. 20, 1652, m., Dec. 16, 1680, Martha Mansfield (dau. of Joseph and Mary Mansfield, and granddau. of Richard and Gillian Mansfield). (III) Mercy Sperry, b. Jan. 9, 1702, m., June 8, 1727, Seth Downes, Sr. [see]. (IV) Seth Downes, Jr., m. Sarah Wilmot (probably descendant of Benjamin, of New Haven). (V) David Downes m. Mary Chatterton [see]. (VI) Ephraim Downes m. Cloe Painter [see]. (VII) Franklin Downes m. Emeline M. Upson [see]. (VIII) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (IX) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From G. S. Skilton; Conn. Records, etc.]

Chatterton. (I) William Chatterton was in New Haven as early as 1656; took Oath of Fidelity 1657; and is mentioned in 1685 as one of the proprietors. He m. Mary Clark about 1659-60, dau. of James Clark, original settler of New Haven, 1638, said to be son of Mate Thomas Clark, of the

"Mayflower." Children of William and Mary (Clark) Chatterton, b. at New Haven: Sarah, 1661; Hannah, 1663; Mercy, 1664; Mary, 1666; John, 1668; Samuel, 1671; perhaps others. (II) Samuel Chatterton (1), b. June 10, 1671, m. (III) Samuel Chatterton (2), b. Sept. 15, 1696, d. 1733, m. Abigail ——. (IV) Samuel Chatterton (3), b. April 11, 1729, d. June 20, 1762, m. Mary Smith [see]. (V) Mary Chatterton, b. 1760, d. Oct. 29, 1829, buried at Buck's Hill, near Waterbury; m. David Downes [see]. (VI) Ephraim Downes m. Cloe Painter [see]. (VII) Franklin Downes m. Emeline M. Upson [see]. (VIII) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (IX) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. This Chatterton family has several coats of arms.

Smith (Downes line). (I) George Smith, original settler of New Haven, in 1638, m. Sarah ——. Children: Sarah; Martha, 1642; Hannah, 1644; Mercy, 1646; John, 1647; Elizabeth, 1649; Samuel, 1651; Ebenezer, 1653; Joseph, 1655; Nathan, 1656. (II) Joseph Smith (1), b. Aug. 14, 1655, m. May 6, 1680, Lydia Bristol (or Bristow), b. 1658. (She was dau. of Henry Bristol, original settler of New Haven, 1638, and his second wife, Lydia Brown. He had three children by his first wife; and by his second: Lydia[2], b. 1658; John, 1659; Mary, 1661; Hannah, 1663; Abigail, 1666). (III) Joseph Smith (2), b. March 30, 1681, m. Annah Hale Oct. 30, 1702; she d. March 15, 1723-24. Joseph m. (second) Esther Peck Mix, widow. (IV) Israel Smith, b. Aug. 15, 1705, m. Hannah Gilbert Nov. 12, 1730. (V) Mary Smith m. Samuel Chatterton (3) [see]. (VI) Mary Chatterton m. David Downes [see]. (VII) Ephraim Downes m. Cloe Painter [see]. (VIII) Franklin Downes m. Emeline M. Upson [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From New Haven Vital Statistics.]

Painter. (I) John Painter, b. 1720, d. July 27, 1796, buried at Plymouth Hill, Conn. Called "Mr." upon his tombstone. He m. Deborah Welcher (or Welshire) at what is now Meriden (then Wallingford), March 17, 1738. She d. March 26, 1794, and is buried beside her husband. Children: Lot, Eunice, Elizabeth 1757, Thomas Welcher 1760, John[2] 1763, and others. John Painter served in the French war, "in Col. Whiting's regiment." He taught school in Plymouth, Conn., for forty winters. (II) Thomas Welcher Painter, b. Sept. 25, 1760, d. March 27, 1817. He m. March 28, 1787, Lusina Dunbar, who was b. 1769 and d. July 4, 1854. Both are buried on Plymouth Hill, Conn. [Lusina Dunbar, dau. of John Dunbar, who m. Temperance Hall, of Wallingford, and had sixteen children, ten being daughters]. Children: Chester, b. 1787, m. four times; Sarah m. Silas Hoadley (veteran clockmaker); Lusina m. Butler Dunbar, ancestor of Bristol Dunbars; William m. Polly Barnes and settled in Ohio; Cloe (or Chloe) m. Ephraim Downes [see]; Edward; Laury, d. 1884, m. William Byington; Edward, b. 1803, m. Clorinda Palmer, and had Franklin (1833), Julia (1835), Edward (2) (1837), Margaret (1841), Cornelia (1842), Ida (1845), Robert (1847). Thomas Welcher Painter served as a boy, in the American Revolution. (III) Cloe Painter, b. Jan. 16, 1796, d. Dec. 27, 1861, m. Ephraim Downes Feb. 7, 1822. Children [see Downes]. (IV) Franklin Downes m. Emeline M. Upson. (V) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian James Muzzy. (VI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Meriden and Plymouth Records.]

Upson. (I) Thomas[1] Upson, England, in Hartford as early as 1638, with Hooker's company. Had home-lot on what is now Albany avenue in 1639. Removed early to Farmington (Tunxis), where he was original settler and proprietor. He m. Elizabeth Fuller July 23, 1646. He d. in Farmington July 19, 1665. Children: Thomas[2], Stephen, Mary, Hannah, and Elizabeth.

(II) Stephen Upson, b. 1650, d. 1735. On Dec. 29, 1682, he m. Mary Lee [see]. He left Farmington before his marriage, and became proprietor in Waterbury (Mattatuck) Dec. 19, 1679; was surveyor; school committeeman; grand juror; often townsman; on committee to settle Woodbury bounds; deputy to General Court three times; sergeant in 1715, and had seat with veterans in meeting-house in 1729. Children: Mary, 1683, m. Welton; Stephen, Jr., 1686; Elizabeth, 1689, m. Bronson; Thomas[2], 1692-93; Hannah, 1695, m. (first) Richards and (second) Bronson; Tabitha, 1698, m. Scoville; John, 1702; Thankful, 1706, m. Blakeslee.

(III) Thomas[2] Upson, b. March 1, 1692-93, d. Sept. 29, 1761. On Jan. 28, 1719, he m. Rachel Judd [see]. He was the second settler in Wolcott, Conn., John Alcock, ancestor of Louisa M. Alcott, being the first. He had the title of "Mr.," was clerk in 1732, and "lived and died respected and esteemed." Children: Thomas[3], 1719; Mary and John, 1721; Josiah, 1724; Asa, 1728; Timothy, 1731; Amos, 1734; Samuel, 1737; Truman (or Freeman), 1739.

(IV) Samuel Upson, b. March 8, 1737, m. April 5, 1758, Ruth Cowles [see], d. Feb. 25, 1816. He settled in Wolcott, and was a very active and influential man in town affairs, being on several committees "respecting our Town Privileges," on petitions to the General Court, on Prudential, Society, school and meeting-house committees; was moderator, surveyor, chorister; on committees to "Dignify the Meeting-house," and to "seat the Meeting-house by age;" to divide the town poor, and settle accounts with neighboring towns. He served in the war of the American Revolution, first as private, later as captain. Children: Mary, 1759; Archibald, 1761; Isaac, 1763; Obed, 1767; Harvey, 1769; Samuel and Ruth, 1772; Jerusha, 1775; Manly, 1777; Betsey, 1779.

(V) Harvey Upson, b. Nov. 11, 1769 d. Sept. 11, 1857. On Nov. 28, 1796, he m. Rachel Wheeler

[see]. He was deacon of church for twenty-five years, and bore the military rank of captain. He was a "good man, faithful and true," but not active in public affairs. Children: Samuel Wheeler, 1798; Jerry, 1800; Marshall, 1803; Lois Melissa, 1805; Marcus, 1807; Harvey Woodward, 1810; Lucian and Lucius, 1815.

(VI) Samuel Wheeler Upson, b. Oct. 8, 1798, d. Sept. 6, 1890. On March 28, 1820, he m. Sally M. Stevens [see]. They lived together nearly seventy-one years. He was among the earliest Abolitionists of the country, and a strong believer in total abstinence. Buried at Waterbury, Conn. Six children: (a) Charles Dwight, b. 1821, m. Martha Hotchkiss and (second) Harriet Perkins; had three children, all of whom died, one in Civil war. (b) Albert Stevens, b. 1823, m. Eliza Porter and (second) Mary Grant; had three children, of whom William is deceased; Cornelia m. Frederick Stevens, and has three children, Olive, Edna and Ruth; Lilian Rachel m. Frederick Reed. (c) Emeline M., b. 1824 [see below]. (d) Clark Wheeler, b. 1826, d. 1876; he was a doctor, and was a surgeon in the Civil war. He m. Catherine Price; children, Albert, Lilias, Lily, Adah, Charlie, Arthur, Edward. Adah m. Horace Robbins, and has one child, Maud. Charlie m. Eva Glazier, and has four children, Clark, Edward, Ruby, and an infant. Arthur m. Jennie Etz, and has two children, Frank and Albert. (e) Marshall Ashmun, b. 1830. No children. Died 1894. (f) Ambrosia Minerva, b. 1831, died 1899; m. Elbert McLendon, of the Confederate army, and has one child, Elbert.

(VII) Emeline M. Upson, b. Dec. 5, 1824, d. Jan. 4, 1899. "The Flower of her race." On Nov. 4, 1844, she m. Franklin Downes. Children: (a) Ella Augusta, b. 1848, m. Dr. Charles R. Upson; (b) Florence Emlyn, b. 1851, m. Adrian James Muzzy; three children, Leslie Adrian, Floyd Downes, and Adrienne Florence; (c) Fannie Ada, b. 1854, m. Thomas F. Barbour; two children, Ruby and Marguerite; (d) Frank Ephraim, b. 1857, m. Mary Annetta Sprague; (e) Mabel Gertrude, b. 1863, m. Reese McCloskey; one child, Downes McCloskey.

(VIII) Florence Emlyn Upson, b. May 22, 1851, m. May 22, 1873, Adrian James Muzzy [see]. Children: Leslie Adrian, deceased; Floyd Downes, deceased; Adrienne Florence.

(IX) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Wolcott History.]

STEELE. (I) John Steele, called "Mr." came to this country from Essex, England, and settled in Cambridge, Mass., 1630-32. He m. Rachel ——, who d. 1653. He removed to Hartford, Conn., before Hooker's party (probably in 1634); house was on Main street, north of Atheneum. His name is on the Founders Monument in Old Center Church burying-ground, although he died in Farmington 1665. He was one of the eight men appointed by General Court of Massachusetts "to govern the people of Connecticut for the space of a year next coming March 3, 1635-'6," and was one of the five present at the First Court of Connecticut "holden att Newtown" (or Hartford) April 26, 1636. He was Colonial Secretary for three years—1636-'38-'39; deputy from 1638 to 1647, and later; town registrar in Hartford from 1639 to 1645, when he removed to Farmington, where he was town clerk by request of Assembly. Children: John[2] (m. Ruth Judd), Samuel, Lydia, Mary (m. William Judd), Daniel, Hannah, Sarah (m. Thomas Judd). (II) Mary Steele m. March 30, 1658, William Judd. She d. Oct. 27, 1718. Children [see Judd]. (III) Thomas Judd (Deacon) m.; lived at Waterbury and Wolcott. (IV) Rachel Judd, m. Thomas Upson [see]. (V) Samuel Upson m. Ruth Cowles [see]. (VI) Deacon Harvey Upson m. Rachel Wheeler [see]. (VII) Samuel Wheeler Upson m. Sally M. Stevens [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Lee Genealogy; Hinman; and Conn. Records.]

HART. (I) Stephen Hart (Deacon), b. at Braintree, County of Essex, England, 1606, d. at Farmington, Conn., March, 1683. Probably came to America 1630-32; settled at Braintree, then at Cambridge, Mass., where he was one of the fifty-four First Settlers, being on records as such. But in 1635 he joined Hooker's party to Hartford, Conn., and was deacon in Mr. Hooker's Church. He was an original proprietor in Hartford, his home-lot being on what is now Front street, on the river bank; was in Mason's expedition against the Pequots, 1637; in 1640 joined the Farmington party as an original proprietor; was one of the seven deacons in the First Church here, 1652, being the first on the list. They were designated the "Seven Pillars of the Church." He was exceedingly active and influential in church and state; was one of the first representatives from the town in 1647, and held the office several years. He also purchased land of the Indians in Avon, which for 150 years was known as Hart's Farm. His home-lot in Farmington was opposite the meeting-house, and included what is now Miss Porter's school. Stephen Hart m. first in England, where several of his children were born. He m. (second) Margaret, widow of Arthur Smith. The Lee Genealogy does not state which of these was mother to his children, who were: Sarah (m. Thomas Porter); Mary; John (m. Sarah ———); Stephen, 1634; Mehitable (m. John Cole); Thomas, 1643 (m. Ruth Hawkins). (II) Mary Hart, b. about 1630-31, m. John Lee 1658; (m. (second) 1692, Jedediah Strong). She d. Oct. 10, 1710. Children [see Lee]. (III) Mary Lee, b. Aug. 14, 1664, m. Stephen Upson [see]. (IV) Thomas[2] Upson m. Rachel Judd [see]. (V) Samuel Upson m. Ruth Cowles [see]. (VI) Harvey Upson m. Rachel Wheeler [see]. (VII) Samuel Wheeler Upson m. Sarah

M. Stevens [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [Lee Genealogy; Memorial Hist. of Hartford County.]

LEE, also called Lea, Leigh, Lay, Ley, De Lee, De la Lee, and Lega, and signifies "pasture, meadow, or grass-land" There are several Lee Arms. (I) John Lee came from Colchester, County or Essex, England, 1634, under guardianship of William Westwood. He was b. in 1620, d. Aug. 8, 1690, "aged seventy years." He settled first in Cambridge, Mass., and later went with Hooker's party to Hartford, Conn., 1635. When John Lee became of age he joined the Farmington First Settlers, and was proprietor there 1641. In 1657 he was constable of the town, at that date being chief executive officer of town. In 1658 he m. Mary Hart [see]. Their home-lot was the one now occupied by Miss Porter's famous school. Children: John, 1659; Mary, 1664; Stephen, 1669; Thomas, 1671; David, 1674; Tabitha, 1677. (II) Mary Lee, b. Farmington Aug. 14, 1664, m. Dec. 29, 1682, Sergt. Stephen Upson, of Waterbury. Children: Thomas[2], and other children [see Upson]. She d. Feb. 15, 1716. (III) Thomas[2] Upson m. Rachel Judd [see]. (IV) Samuel Upson m. Ruth Cowles [see]. (V) Harvey Upson m. Rachel Wheeler [see]. (VI) Samuel W. Upson m. Sally M. Stevens [see]. (VII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (VIII) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (IX) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

JUDD. (I) Thomas[1] Judd (Deacon), b. 1608 in England, emigrated 1633, settled at Newtowne (Cambridge), Mass.; moved to Hartford 1636. His home-lot adjoined the Wyllys place, of Charter Oak fame; removed to Farmington 1644, and was proprietor there, home-lot on Main street; was second on the list of deacons—"seven pillars of the church;" was representative to General Court 1646, and served fourteen to seventeen sessions. After thirty-five years' residence in Farmington he moved to Northampton, Mass., where (1682) at the age of seventy-four years he was chosen one of the selectmen. He d. Nov. 9, 1688, aged eighty. Children: William, Elizabeth, both b. between 1633 and 1635; Thomas, 1638; John, 1640; Benjamin, 1642; Mary, 1644; Ruth, 1646; Philip, 1649; Samuel, 1651. (II) William Judd, b. between 1633 and 1635, m. March 30, 1658, Mary Steele [see]. He d. 1690. His home-lot in Farmington was on Main street, though he owned several other lots. Estate inventoried £673. Children: Mary, 1658; Thomas[2], 1662; William, 1664; John, 1667; Rachel, 1670; Samuel, 1673; Daniel, 1675; Elizabeth, 1678. (III) Thomas[3] Judd, known as Deacon Thomas Judd, of Waterbury, b. 1662 (bapt. Aug. 13), lived on Cole street, near East Main, Waterbury. In 1732-33 he moved to Wolcott (then called Farmingbury), where "Judd's Hill" is named for him. Children: Rachel, and others. (IV) Rachel Judd, b. 1694, d. July 13, 1759, m. Thomas Upson [see]. (V) Capt. Samuel Upson m. Ruth Cowles [see]. (VI) Deacon Harvey Upson m. Rachel Wheeler [see]. (VII) Samuel Wheeler Upson m. Sally M. Stevens [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [Lee Genealogy.]

COWLES. The name is also written Cowl, Coul, Cowle, Coule, Coules, Coales, Coale, Cole, Colles, and originated at the battle of Hastings, 1066; the founder having worn a hood, or cowl, at this battle. (1) John Cowles, b. in England about 1598, came to Hartford 1635-39; Farmington, 1640; Hadley, Mass., 1659; Hatfield, 1660, where he d. 1675; member of General Court of Connecticut; townsman, and one of the "seven pillars" of the church in Farmington. He married Hannah ——, who d. at Hartford 1683. Their wills are on file at Northampton and Hartford. Had seven children. (II) Samuel Cowles, b. 1639, d. April 17, 1691, Farmington. In 1661 he m. Abigail Stanley, dau. of Timothy Stanley. Had eleven children. (III) Isaac[1] Cowles, b. March 23, 1675, d. Feb. 7, 1756, was ancestor of the Farmington Cowleses: representative to the General Court, 1726; ensign, 1717; lieutenant, 1723; captain of train-band, 1731. He was married three times, first to Mary Andrews—Jan. 2, 1696—five children; second to Sarah Andrews, 1709—one child; third to Elizabeth Smith, 1716—six children. Mary Andrews, dau. of Daniel Andrews, d. July 19, 1708. Her son, Isaac[2], was b. 1702. (IV) Isaac[2] Cowles, b. April 21, 1702, d. Sept. 29, 1737. He resided in Southington, and was a wealthy land owner; ensign, 1736. He was m. twice, first Jan. 2, 1728-29, to Ruth North; second Nov. 11, 1736, to Jerusha ———, who d. Nov. 4, 1752. Children: Mary, 1729; Ruth, 1731, d.; Judah, 1734; Isaac, bapt. Jan., 1736 (children of Ruth North, who d. probably Jan., 1736). Child of Jerusha Cowles was Ruth (2), b. 1737, a few days after the death of her father. (V) Ruth Cowles, b. Oct. 8, 1737, m. April 5, 1759, Capt. Samuel Upson [see]. Children: Mary, Archibald, Isaac, Obed, Harvey, Samuel, Ruth, Jerusha, Manly, Betsey. (VI) Harvey Upson (Wolcott), captain and deacon, m. Rachel Wheeler [see]. (VII) Samuel Wheeler Upson m. Sally M. Stevens [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Family Tree of Capt. C. D. Cowles. U. S. A.; Histories and Records of Southington and Wolcott.]

WHEELER. (I) ——— Wheeler m. Lois ———, who was b. about 1686, and d. Sept. 11, 1767, aged eighty-one. They were m. (probably) about 1706-1715. (II) James Wheeler (captain 1756), b. 1716, d. July 9, 1768. On May 19, 1736, he m. Sarah

Johnson. They lived in Derby. Had fifteen children, the third being Samuel. (III) Samuel Wheeler, b. Sept. 24, 1739, d. Aug. 23, 1778. On April 28, 1763, he m. Lois Fairchild, who d. Sept. 29, 1805. Children: Lois, 1764; Abel, 1765; Eunice, 1767; Daniel, 1769; Levi, 1770; Anna, 1773; Rachel, 1775; Hannah, 1777. (IV) Rachel Wheeler, b. Aug. 25, 1775, m. Capt. Harvey Upson Nov. 28, 1796. Found in old papers: "Our mother, Rachel Wheeler Upson, was found dead in her bed on Thanksgiving Day Morning, Nov. 27, 1851." Children: Samuel Wheeler, Jerry Marshall, Lois, Melissa, Marcus, Harvey Woodward, Lucian and Lucius [see Upson]. (V) Samuel Wheeler Upson m. Sarah M. Stevens [see]. (VI) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (VII) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (VIII) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From History of Derby; old Bible record, and papers of Samuel Wheeler Upson.]

STEVENS. [This line, with its branches, includes many New England names, such as: Davis, Morrill, Stedman, Cooke, Kimberly, Stowe, Biggs, Gregg, Stocking, Hopkins, Smith, Clark, Canfield, Crane, Hawley, Hubbell, Meigs, Morehouse, Silliman, Walker, Prudden, Brinsmeade, Boyse, Jackson, Bostwick, etc., with many Old England names as well.] (I) John Stevens, b. about 1607, d. April 11, 1662. Had lived at Caversham, south of Oxfordshire, England. He m. Elizabeth ——, (who d. May 1, 1694, aged eighty), came to America from Southampton in the "Confidence" 1638; settled at Newburyport, Mass., and later was fifth on the list of First Settlers at Andover, Mass.; was sergeant, etc. His tombstone is still to be seen at Andover. Among his children was Timothy. (II) Timothy Stevens (Deacon), b. at Newbury, Mass., Sept. 23, 1641, d. Jan. 31, 1708. He moved to Roxbury. On March 12, 1665, he m. Sarah Davis (b. Feb. 16, 1647, dau. of Tobias and Sarah Morrill Davis, and granddau. of Isaac Morrill). Had ten children: Timothy[2], 1666; Sarah, 1668; John, 1670; Joseph, 1673; Elizabeth, 1675; Maria, 1678; Hannah, 1680; Samuel, 1682; Abigail, 1685; Nathaniel, 1688. Deacon Timothy Stevens was Feoffee of the Roxbury Free School in 1684. (III) Timothy[2] Stevens (Rev.), b. at Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 28, 1666; Harvard, 1687; ordained, 1693; first "orthodox" minister at Glastonbury, Conn., 1693. He m. (first) Eunice Chester, none of whose children lived to marry. He m. (second) Alice (or Allice) Cooke, widow of Rev. John Whiting [see Cooke]. They had eight children: John, b. 1702, d. 1717; Eunice, b. and d. 1704; Martha, b. 1705, d. 1717; twin sons, b. and d. 1707; Timothy, b. 1709, m. Hannah Orris; Joseph, b. 1711, m. Jerusha Stow [see]; Benjamin, b. 1714, m. Deborah Dickinson. Rev. Timothy was closely identified with the growth of Glastonbury in every particular. He d. April 14, 1726. Many facts concerning him are upon the records, and a copy of his will gives great insight to his life and character, and is a unique document. He is buried in the old Glastonbury burying-ground, near the site of the church which he founded. His wives, Eunice and Alice, lie here also, all three having tables of stone. He is said to have had a third wife, Dorothy; but if so, she left no children. (IV) Joseph Stevens, b. Aug. 15, 1711, m. (first) Mary Treat, and had one child, Joseph, b. 1733 (who d. on the Jersey prison ship during the American Revolution). He m. (second) Jerusha Stow, Oct. 14, 1736 [see Stow]. Had children: Thomas, 1739; Mary and Jerusha, 1741; Samuel, 1742; Elijah, 1744; Mary, 1746; Elisha, 1748; David, 1750; Jonathan, 1752; Jerusha, 1754; James, 1757; Peter, 1759; Ashbel, 1761; and Daniel. Of these eleven brothers, nine did active service in the war of the American Revolution: Joseph d. on prison ship; Samuel was master of a privateer; Elisha served as a private by sea and land for seven years; Ashbel, a lad of fourteen, was taken prisoner, carried to Halifax, and never heard of again; John, Elijah, David and James were all in service; Peter was a minute-man; Thomas was a shipbuilder in Glastonbury; Daniel, a "wealthy Liverpool trader, lost two heavy ships, and a wholesale store of goods" when the British took Philadelphia. (IV) Elisha Stevens, b. Oct. 1, 1748, d. March 8, 1813. He m. (first) Mary Miller, who had three children, and m. (second) Agnes Kimberly, at South Britain, Conn., Dec. 10, 1780. Had eleven children: Oliver, 1782; Ashbel, 1783; Rebecka, 1784; Ransom, 1786; Barzilla, 1788; Milton, 1790; Clarissa, 1792; Hershel and Harvey, 1794; Alfred, 1796; Minerva, 1798. Lived in Naugatuck, Conn., where both Elisha and Agnes are buried. Elisha served seven years in the American Revolution, and fragments of a journal kept by him during the war are still in the family. He was at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Valley Forge and other important points, being present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. (VI) Oliver Stevens, b. July 18, 1782, m. Huldah Clark [see]. He was a lawyer and teacher, and prepared lads for college. He was much interested in genealogy, and left at least two mss. concerning his family. Children of Oliver and Huldah (Clark) Stevens: Sally Maria, 1802; Elisha Clark, 1803; Emeline, 1805 (living in 1901 at Danbury, Conn.); Elvira, 1807; Livonia, 1809; Horatio Kimberly, 1812; George Leander, 1815; Charles Tracy, 1818; James and Julia, 1821; Maryett, 1824; nearly all of whom lived to good old age. Oliver Stevens is buried at Naugatuck. (VII) Sally Maria Stevens, b. at Derby, Conn., Nov. 20, 1802, m. Samuel Wheeler Upson, and d. Dec. 15, 1892. Both are buried in Waterbury, Conn. They lived together over seventy years. Six children [see Upson]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson, m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence Emlyn Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Boston Records; Glaston-

bury History; Conn. Records; old tombstones; mss. by Oliver Stevens etc.]

KIMBERLY. (I) Agnes Kimberly m. Elisha Stevens, soldier of the American Revolution. She was b. in South Britain, Conn., about 1755, and d. at Naugatuck, Conn., April 28, 1837. She had a brother Thomas. Her mother's name was possibly Lois, as "Mrs. Lois Kimberly, d. 1802, aged eighty-seven," is buried near Agnes in Naugatuck. Her descent is doubtless from Thomas Kimberly, New Haven settler, who had seven or eight children. [See Stevens]. [Kimberly Notes: (1) Thomas Kimberly, New Haven, 1638 (New England, 1635). (2) Eleazer Kimberly, Glastonbury. (3) Thomas[2] Kimberly, Glastonbury. (4) John Kimberly, 1719, had two sons and ten daughters. (5) Possibly Agnes may have been one of these daughters. Or it may be: (1) Thomas Kimberly, 1635, New Haven. (2) Abraham Kimberly, Albemarle county, Carolina, and Stratford, Conn. (3) Abraham[2] Kimberly, Stratford. (4) Abraham[3] Kimberly, Newtown, Conn. (5) Abraham[4] Kimberly, Newtown, Conn., m. in 1760. (6) Agnes Kimberly. As this is uncertain, the above is only offered suggestively.]

COOKE. [Savage; Whitney Genealogy; Rollin Cooke, historian.] Cooke Arms—Sable, three bendlets argent. (1) Thomas Cooke, Gentleman, of Great Yealdham, County of Essex, England, was deceased in 1640. (II) Joseph[1] Cooke, second son of Thomas, was b. in England in 1608, m. Elizabeth ———, and came to New England with brother George in 1635, in the "Defence." Joseph served as selectman of Cambridge, Mass., in 1635-45; town clerk, 1635-41; magistrate, 1648 to '57; representative, 1636-41; also had charge of military company of which his brother George was captain, upon the latter's return to England. Later Joseph also returned to England, and was residing at Stannaway, County of Essex, in 1665, at which date he conveyed New England property to his son. Children of Joseph[1] and Elizabeth Cooke: Joseph[2], b. 1643; Elizabeth; Mary; Grace; Ruth. (III) Joseph[2] Cooke, b. Dec. 27, 1643, in Cambridge, Mass., d. about February, 1690; Harvard, 1660-61. On Dec. 4, 1665, he m. Martha Stedman, b. June 3, 1646, (dau. of John and Alice Stedman, of Cambridge). He was a representative, 1671-80; lieutenant, 1677; and was in King Philip's war. Children of Joseph[2] and Martha Cooke: John, b. 1667, d. 1684; Elizabeth, b. 1669, d. 1687-88; Joseph[3], b. 1671; Alice (or Allice), b. about 1673; Haynes, b. 1677-78. (IV) Alice Cooke, b. about 1673, in Cambridge, Mass., d. March 10, 1714, at Glastonbury, Conn. She m. (first) Rev. John Whiting (Harvard), who was scalped by Indians in September, 1697; and in October and November, same year, the two children of John and Alice Whiting also died. On May 9, 1701, Alice married Rev. Timothy Stevens. Her father and both husbands were Harvard graduates. [For children, see Stevens.] She is buried in the old Glastonbury cemetery. (V) Joseph Stevens m. Jerusha Stow [see]. (VI) Elisha Stevens m. Agnes Kimberly [see]. (VII) Oliver Stevens m. Huldah Clark [see]. (VIII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (IX) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (X) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

STOW. (I) John Stow, Roxbury, Mass., m. Elizabeth Bigg (or Bigge). Had children: Thomas[1] and others. The line of Elizabeth (Bigg) Stow is as follows: John Bigg, England, m. either a Scotchford or a Saxbie. Son Hope, daughter Mary, and others. Hope Bigg m. Rachel ——— in England. In 1635 she came to New England, a widow. Had children: Elizabeth, Patience, and two others (Patience m. a Foster, and had Smallhopes, who in turn m. and had Hopestill [A. Bates, authority]). (II) Thomas[1] Stow, son of John Stow, m. Mary Cregg (Gregg or Grigg). Had children: Thomas[2] and others. (III) Thomas[2] Stow m. Bethia Stocking [see] Oct. 16, 1675, and lived at Middletown. He d. March 19, 1730, she on Nov. 6, 1732. Children: Bethia, b. 1678; Samuel, 1681-82; Bethia, 1685; Mary, 1688; Thomas, 1691; Hannah, 1696; Joseph, 1703; Jerusha, about 1705. (IV) Jerusha Stow, dau. of Thomas[2], b. 1705, m. Joseph Stevens Oct. 14, 1736, being his second wife. Had twelve children [see Stevens]. (V) Elisha Stevens m. Agnes Kimberly [see]. (VI) Oliver Stevens m. Huldah Clark [see]. (VII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [In the New England Genealogical Register for 1848 reference is made to "Honest John Stow," who wrote a History of London, and who preserved, by printing, the names on Battel Abbey Roll. Whether connected with New England John Stow is not determined.]

STOCKING—HOPKINS. (I) George Stocking, England. (II) Samuel Stocking, b. (probably) in England, m., May 27, 1652, Bethia Hopkins, dau. of John Hopkins and Jane (Strong), of Hartford. [John Hopkins was in Cambridge, Mass., in 1634, and is believed by the genealogical editor of the *Mail and Express*, New York, to have been son of Stephen Hopkins, of the "Mayflower," and to have followed his father from England on a later ship.] Children of Samuel and Bethia (Hopkins) Stocking: Hannah, 1654; Samuel, 1656; Bethia, 1658; John, 1660; Lydia, 1663; George, 1665; Ebenezer, 1667; Stephen, 1673; Daniel, 1677. Samuel Stocking lived at Middletown; freeman, 1654; representative, 1665-69-74. Was deacon. He probably served in King Philip's war, as he was made sergeant in 1677. He d. Dec. 31, 1683. (III) Bethia Stocking, dau. of Samuel and Bethia (Hopkins) Stocking, b. Oct. 10, 1658, m. Thomas Stow Oct. 16, 1675, d. Nov. 6, 1732. Children: Jerusha, and others [see Stow]. (IV) Jerusha Stow, b. about 1705, m. Jo-

seph Stevens Oct. 14, 1736, being his second wife. Had twelve children [see Stevens]. (V) Elisha Stevens, and Agnes Kimberly [see]. (VI) Oliver Stevens and Huldah Clark [see]. (VII) Sally M. Stevens and Samuel W. Upson [see]. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson and Franklin Downes [see]. (IX) Florence E. Downes and Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Old World Names. Descendants of Arthur Bostwick, who came to New England in 1641, may trace their lineage through him for many centuries back in the Old World. The direct line of Bostwick is given elsewhere. Arthur Bostwick was of the twenty-first generation from Osmer, Baron de Bostok, 1080, A. D. Fifteen generations back of Arthur, Hawise de Kevelioc, Countess of Lincoln, m. Sir Warine (or Warren) de Bostok, Knight. Through her many names of note are introduced into the Bostwick line. Some of these are as follows: Simon de Montfort III, her grandfather, which name brings in John Lackland, King of England; Henry II, first of Anjou to rule in England; Henry I, King of England (called Beauclerc); William the Conqueror; Robert the Magnificent (called Robert le Diable); Richard the Good; Richard the Fearless; William Longswood; Hrolf, a Norwegian Pirate, and others. Through Amicia, wife of Simon de Montfort III, come such names as Robert de Beaumont, Earl of Leicester and Lord Chief Justice of England; Louis d' Outre Mer, King of France, who m. dau. of Henry I, of Germany; Charles the Simple, King of France; Edward the Elder; Alfred the Great; Egbert, first King of all England; Alkmund, King of Kent; Cerdic the Saxon, King of Wessex, ancestor of the English royal line; Woden, "Mighty Warrior," of whom John Speed says, speaking of the Saxons, "These all claim their descent from Prince Woden, called by the Latins Othinus, and who is deduced by our antiquaries, as hath been said, from the eldest son of the Patriarke Noah, and is accounted the most noble of all the progenitors of the Saxon Kings." Woden flourished in the third century. Between Woden and Noah, the ancient chronicles give a list of fifteen generations, including Shem, son of Noah. This leads into the Bible chronicle, where a few generations more land one in the Garden of Eden. Coming into this direct line from either side are such names as these: Witikind the Saxon; Hugh le Grande; Hugh Capet; Arnoul, Bishop of Metz; Pepin le Gros, etc.; Charles Martel (the "hammer"); Charlemagne; Bernard, King of Italy; the Counts of Vermandois; Louis le Debonnaire, Emperor of the West (the "Holy Roman Empire"); Judith of Bavaria (house of Guelph); Charles le Chauve (the Bald), King of France and Emperor of the Romans; Louis le Beque (the stammerer); Charles the Simple, King of France; Counts of Flanders; Carloman, King of Aquitaine and Burgundy; Henry the Fowler, Emperor of Germany; Otho the Great, Emperor of Germany; Jarodishas, Grand Duke of Russia; Erick, an Irish Dalreadian chief; Aidan, monarch in North Britain; Eocha the Passionate, a Scottish Dalreadic King (called Achius); Kenneth MacAlpine, Scottish King and King of Picts, and founder of the Scottish monarchy; Constantine, King of Scotland; Donald II, King of Scotland; Malcom I, King of Scotland; MacKenneth, King of Scotland; Duncan I, King of Scotland (Shakespearean character, murdered by Macbeth); Malcolm Canmore, King of Scots, who defeated Macbeth (Shakesperean character); Edmund the Magnificent, King of England; Edgar the Peaceful, King of England; Aethelred the Unready, King of England; Edmund Ironsides, King of England; Edward the Exile, King of England; Margaret, Queen of Scotland (called Saint Margaret); besides many other historical names. [*Authorities* include: Old English Records; Herald's Visitations; Histories of various countries; Historical Society Publications, Royal Genealogies, etc.]

The following is taken from Bostwick Genealogy [by Henry A. Bostwick]; Savage; Milford Records, Histories, etc.

(I) Osmer, Baron de Bostock, A. D. 1080. (II) Hugh. (III) Richard. (IV) Roger. (V) Sir Gilbert. (VI) William m. Margaret de Vernon. (VII) Sir Warren de Bostoc, Knight, Lord of Bostoc, m. Hawise Kevelioc, Countess of Lincoln. (VIII) Gilbert de Bostoc m. Elinor Poole. (IX) Sir Wiliam de Bostok m. Elizabeth Audley. (X) Philip de Bostok m. Maria de Vernon. (XI) Sir Adam de Bostok, Knight, m. Joan, dau. of William de Brereton. (XII) Sir William de Bostok m. dau. of William de Multon. (XIII) Adam de Bostok m. Margaret, dau. of Sir John de Wettinhale. (XIV) Adam de Bostok m. Janet, dau. of Sir Henry de Bradshaw. (XV) Sir Ralph de Bostok, Knight, m. Isabel Lawton. (XVI) Sir Adam de Bostock, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Hugh Venables. (XVII) William Bostock m. Ellen, dau. of Adam Bostock. (XVIII) George Bostock m. Emma Holt. (XIX) Robert Bostock (d. 1583) m. Emma Bromfield. (XX) Arthur Bostock (1559-1627) m. Ellen Dennis. (XXI) Arthur Bostwick came to America in 1641. He m. (first) Jane Whittel, in England. Came from Cheshire; was in Stratford, Conn., before 1650; m. (second) Widow Ellen Johnson. (XXII) John Bostwick, Sr., b. in England, came to America with his father when young. About 1666 he m. Mary Brinsmade. Had six children: John, Jr., 1667; Zechariah, 1669; Joseph, 1672; Mary, 1674; Elizabeth, 1677; Jane, 1680. Lived and died in Stratford. [Mary was dau. of John Brinsmade (or Brinsmeade), in New England in 1637, and his wife, Mary ———. He was townsman 1662, and representative to General Court 1669-1671; d. 1673. He had seven children: Mary, 1640; John, 1643; Daniel; Zachary; Paul; Samuel; Elizabeth.] (XXIII) John Bostwick, Jr., b. May 4, 1667, of Stratford (Derby and New Milford), where his name is second on the list of "First Twelve Set-

tlers." Deed of land dated Dec. 2, 1709. Stuart says: "He was an energetic citizen, and bore his full share of official work in the colony." He m. Abigail Walker, of Stratford, 1688 [see Walker]. He d. 1747, over eighty years of age. Had ten children: John[3], b. 1686; Robert, b. 1691; Ebenezer, b. 1693; Joseph, b. 1695; Nathaniel, b. 1699; Lemuel, b. 1704; Sarah, b. 1706; Daniel, b. 1708 (first white male child b. in New Milford); Mary, b. 1714-15; Hannah, b. 1716. (XXIV) Lemuel Bostwick, sixth son of John[2] Bostwick, b. at Stratford 1704, moved to New Milford 1727; was one of the choristers of First Congregational Church from 1741 for many years, and "sang his way on until eighty-seven years of age, then departed this life," "a man of unblameable character—fine commanding person—whom everybody delighted to meet." On Sept. 5, 1729, he m. Anna Jackson, of Stratford. Her ancestry has not yet been found. She d. at Hinesburg, Vt., in 1800, aged ninety-two. Children: Eunice, b. 1733-34; Isaac (who was captain of the first company which left Milford for Boston in the American Revolution); and Anna. (XXV) Eunice Bostwick, dau. of Lemuel and Anna, b. in New Milford Jan. 23, 1733-34, m. Jonathan Clark, at New Milford, Jan. 18, 1753. Had five children: Huldah, b. Sept. 15, 1754; Hezekiah, b. June 22, 1757; Anna, b. April 24, 1759; George, b. Sept. 7, 1761; Anna, b. Oct. 3, 1764. (XXVI) George Clark, son of Jonathan and Eunice, b. Sept. 7, 1761, m. Mary Smith [see Smith]. (XXVII) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens [see]. (XXVIII) Sally Maria Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (XXIX) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (XXX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (XXXI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Stratford and Woodbury Histories; New Milford History; New Milford Church Record; Stuart's Life of Jonathan Trumbull, etc.]

Clark. (I) Jonathan Clark m. Eunice Bostwick, of New Milford [see], Jan. 18, 1753. Had five children: Huldah, Hezekiah, Anna, George, Anna. (II) George Clark, b. Sept. 7, 1761, at New Milford, m. Mary Smith [see]. He was a shipbuilder and merchant. Had four daughters and one son, the latter dying young. Daughters: Mary m. Joseph Bostwick; Hepzibah; Ophelia; Huldah. (III) Huldah Clark, dau. of George and Mary (Smith) Clark, b. Jan. 22, 1783, m. Oliver Stevens [see]. Children: Sally Maria, Elisha Clark, Emeline (living January, 1901), Elvira, Livonia, Horatio Kimberly, George Leander, Charles Tracy, twins died, Maryett. (IV) Sally Maria Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson. (V) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes. (VI) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (VII) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

Walker. (I) Robert Walker, b. 1607, in 1623 was living in Manchester, Lancashire, England, was in Boston in 1632, when he united with church. In 1669 he was one of the founders of the "Old South" Church. He d. May 29, 1687. His widow, Sarah ———, d. Dec. 21, 1695. Had twelve children: Elizabeth, 1635; Zechariah, 1637; John, 1639; Sarah, 1641; Jacob; Joseph, July, 1646; Thomas and Mary, who d. young; Timothy; Eliakim; Mary; John. (II) Joseph Walker, sixth child of Robert and Sarah, b. July, 1646, came when a young man to Stratford. In 1667 he m. Abigail Prudden [see]. Joseph d. November, 1687, and his widow m. Richard Hubbell, Sr. Joseph and Abigail had five children: Robert, Sarah, Johannah (or Joanna), Abigail and Mary. (III) Abigail Walker, b. February, 1671-72, m. John Bostwick, Jr. [see]. (IV) Lemuel Bostwick m. Anna Jackson. (V) Eunice Bostwick m. Jonathan Clark. (VI) George Clark m. Mary Smith [see]. (VII) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens [see]. (VIII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (IX) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (X) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy. [See New England Genealogical Register for 1847, History of Stratford, Savage, Boston Records, etc.]

Prudden. (I) Rev. Peter Prudden, one of the "Fathers of New England," and founder of Milford, Conn., was b. at Edgton, Yorkshire, England, in 1601. Ordained for ministry in England. Was a non-conformist of Church of England. Sailed from Bristol, England, in the "James," leading a company from Hereford and other western counties. Arrived at Boston July 26, 1637, two months being the average time from England to America. They joined Eaton's company to Quinnipiac (New Haven). The Sunday following their arrival, April 18, 1638, Rev. Mr. Davenport preached to the people in the morning, under a spreading oak, near the northeast corner of George and College streets, near Yale College; and Rev. Mr. Prudden preached in the afternoon, at the same place, the second sermon ever given in New Haven, his text being: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord." Prudden and his company received house-lots; but during the summer of 1638 Prudden, preaching at Wethersfield, found several dissatisfied families, who were willing to go with him and his company to the place now called Milford. On Feb. 12, 1639, they received a formal deed of land from Ansantaway, Sachem of the Wepowaugs, and removed thither in the autumn. Prudden's salary was £48, and fire wood. His house and George Clark's were the two fortified houses in Milford. The first burying-ground was a part of Mr. Prudden's home-lot. A tablet in the First Congregational church at Milford, on the site of the first church there, has an inscription by Cotton Mather: "I am sure 'tis a blessed child of God whose name is before us, who, besides his other excellent qualities, was noted for a singular faculty to sweeten, compose, and qualify exasperated spirits, and stop or heal all contentiones. Whence it was

that his town of Milford enjoyed peace and truth all his days. He continued an able and faithful servant of the churches until the fifty-sixth year of his age, when his death was felt by the Colony as a fall of a pillar which made the whole fabrick to shake." Peter Prudden has also a large memorial stone at the entrance to the Milford Memorial Bridge, inscribed with his first text at New Haven. He m. Joanna Boyse, at Edgton, County of York, England. Had five daughters and three sons: Joanna, bapt. 1640; Elizabeth, 1643; Abigail, 1647; Sarah, 1650; Mildred, 1653; John, 1646 (Harvard, 1668); Samuel; Peter, died young. Peter Prudden left a good estate here, and lands in England. (II) Abigail Prudden, b. 1647, m., Nov. 14, 1667, Joseph Walker [see]. She d. 1717. After Walker's death she m. Richard Hubbell [see]. Joseph and Abigail had five children: Robert, Sarah, Johannah (or Joanna), Abigail and Mary. (III) Abigail Walker, b. February, 1671-72, m. John Bostwick[2]. (IV) Lemuel Bostwick m. Anna Jackson. (V) Eunice Bostwick m. Jonathan Clark. (VI) George Clark m. Mary Smith [see]. (VII) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens [see]. (VIII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (IX) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (X) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [New England Genealogical Register, 1847; Savage; Atwater's History of New Haven; Glastonbury History.]

CANFIELD, spelled also Camfield, Campfield, Camphile, Canfyld. (I) Sergt. Thomas Canfield, probably brother of Matthew, came to Milford from New Haven about 1647. Had four acres of land in Milford, received for "supporting a gate." He m. Phebe Crane, dau. of Jasper Crane [see], about 1652 (?). Admitted to church, 1657; representative to General Court from Milford, 1674 and 1676; is called lieutenant on tax list, 1686. In will, dated Feb. 23, 1687, he mentions three married daus., Sarah, Phebe, Elizabeth; and three unmarried. Also sons Thomas and Jeremiah, also "son, John Smith." He d. 1689. Has block in Memorial Bridge to Founders of Milford. (II) Phebe Canfield, b. May 8, 1656, d. May 3, 1730, m., Jan. 23, 1671-73, Sergt. John Smith. Children: John (3); Thomas; Samuel; Ebenezer; Joseph; Abiah; Nathan; Joseph—eight boys. (III) Joseph Smith (1) m. Mary Clark [see]. (IV) Capt. Joseph Smith m. Widow Jemima (Hubbell) Bostwick [see Hubbell]. (V) Mary (Polly) Smith m. George Clark. (VI) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens. (VII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy.

CRANE, spelled also Crayne and Crain. "The name of Crane often appears among the Records of Meetings in England before 1630, as one of the Governors and Company of the New England Colony to be planted in Massachusetts Bay." [Hinman.] The Cranes had several coats of arms. (I) Hon. Jasper Crane (called variously "Mister" Crane, Esquire, Jasper Crayne, Sr., and "that good old saint Jasper Crane," etc.) was an important and one of the first settlers of New Haven Colony; signed "Fundamental Agreement" June 4, 1639, at a meeting "held at the barn of Mr. Newman;" was one of the surveyors who laid out town plat of New Haven, locating grants, settling division lines, disputed titles, etc.; was selectman, and one of civil managers, 1639-1641; was made freeman, 1644, and "freed from watching and trayning;" merchant trader in Fair Haven and Branford, 1644-45 and 1652; built house on east side of Fair Haven green, 1644-45. In 1653 he was one of the first deputies to the General Court of Electors from Branford, which office he held five years. In 1654 he (with others, such as Sherman, Leete, Lewes, Treat, etc.) was invested with power as magistrate to assist in the governments of the plantations of New Haven, Milford, Branford, Guilford and Stamford. In May, 1658, he was chosen magistrate of New Haven Colony, and held this office till 1663. In 1664-65, on the union of New Haven Colony with Hartford, Jasper Crane was ordered by General Assembly to be assistant to General Court, holding this position three years, as well as the office of magistrate of Connecticut for same period, and justice of county court of New Haven, 1664-65. In 1667-68 he sold property in Branford and moved to Newark, N. J., of which place he had been one of the projectors in 1665. Here he and Robert Treat, afterward governor of Connecticut, were the first magistrates. [Treat's daughter Mary m. Crane's son Azariah.] They represented Newark at General Court the same year; were deputies, 1669-70; deputies and magistrates, 1671-72, when Treat returned to Connecticut, and Crane held same offices 1675. He "died, an old man," at Newark, about 1681. Children are given probably as follows: Phebe, 1633; John, 1635; Hannah, 1639, m. Thomas Huntington; Deliverance, bapt. 1642; Mercy, 1645; Azariah (sometimes given as Micah), 1647; Jasper, Jr., 1651; and it is said there was also Bell, who may have come between John and Hannah, in 1637. (II) Phebe Crane m. Thomas Canfield probably about 1652 [see Canfield]. (III) Phebe Canfield m. Sergt. John Smith. (IV) Joseph Smith (1) m. Mary Clark. (V) Capt. Joseph Smith m. Jemima (Hubbell) Bostwick, widow. (VI) Mary (Polly) Smith m. George Clark. (VII) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens. (VIII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson. (IX) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes. (X) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (XI) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [From Hinman; various town histories, and Conn. Records.]

SMITH. (I) John Smith (1), b. 16—, 1684; settler of Milford, Conn., 1640, is presumed to have been one of the Hertfordshire men who could not leave England with Prudden in 1637, as they desired; probably came direct to New Haven in 1639;

left property over £513. He m. Grace Hawley, who d. 1690, supposed sister of Joseph Hawley, Stratford. Children of John and Grace (Hawley) Smith: Ephraim, b. 1644, m. Abigail Briscoe; John (2), bapt. 1646, m. Phœbe Canfield; Mary, b. 1648, m. Dr. Abel Gunn; Ebenezer, b. 1650, d. young; Mercy, b. 1652; Mehitable, b. 1655, m. Edward Camp. (II) John Smith (Sergt.), bapt. Aug. 27, 1646, d. Jan. 8, 1732; lived in Milford. On Jan. 23, 1672-73, he m. Phebe Canfield (or Campfield), dau. of Sergt. Thomas Canfield and Phœbe (Crane). Tombstones are in Milford cemetery. Children of John (2) and Phebe (Canfield) Smith: John (3), b. 1674, m. Ruth Briscoe; Thomas, March, 16[illegible], m. Hannah Camp; Samuel, 1679; Ebenezer, 1683-1744, m. Sarah Collins; Joseph, d. young; Abiah, 1686; Nathan, 1689, m. Hannah Tibbals; Joseph (1), bapt. 1694, m. Mary Clark. (III) Joseph Smith (1), bapt. April 15, 1694, m., July 7, 1720, Mary Clark, dau. of George and Rebecca Clark, Milford. Mary d. Feb. 23, 1773. Moved to Brookfield, Conn. Children of Joseph (1) and Mary (Clark) Smith: George, 1721-1800; Mary, 1723-1795; Abiah, 1727-1819; Joseph (2), 1730-1810; Amos, 1732-1807; Ann, 1734-1758. Joseph Smith (1) was the first magistrate in Brookfield, "the finest old magistrate ever lived," states a descendant living at Danbury. (IV) Joseph Smith (2), captain in Revolutionary war (Connecticut Records), b. March 15, 1730, d. Aug. 10, 1810. He m. Jemima Hubbell, widow of Gershom Bostwick, of Brookfield [see Hubbell]. Children of Capt. Joseph and Jemima Smith: Abel (m. Sarah ———), Prude, Jemima, Joseph (3) (m. Patty Wilmot), Eli, and Mary (called Polly). Capt. Joseph Smith, his wife Jemima, also their daughter Mary and her husband, as well as Abel and Sarah, are well remembered by the descendant mentioned above. Capt. Joseph was a first selectman of Brookfield, 1788, and representative in 1789. He is buried at Hawleyville. (V) Mary (Polly) Smith m. George Clark [see]. (VI) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens [see]. (VII) Sally Maria Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885.

HUBBELL. This name comes from Hubba's Hill (Hub-hill, Hubbill, Hubbell), which was so called from Hubba, the Dane, chief of a band of barbarians who plundered and destroyed in England, about 867, an interesting account of which is given in the Hubbell Genealogy. One of the Hubbell Arms contains the Danish Raven, the ensign carried by Hubba, originally the mark of the God Odin, which "fell from heaven" upon the Danish army, was captured by Britons, and used by them in war for three centuries, when it gave way to the cross. It is supposed that the Connecticut Hubbells came from Walter Hubbell, who had a merchant house in Plymouth, England, and d. 1515. His son William carried on the business, and m. Annie Mimant, a French lady. He d. 1576, very old. He left one son, Francis, who m. (second) Sophia Brown. In 1615 Francis started for the West Indies and was never heard of again. In 1651 his widow Sophia, was alive at Plymouth, England, having two sons, Francis and Edward. It is probable that Richard, who came to America, was a son of either Francis or Edward Hubbell, of Plymouth, England. (I) Richard Hubbell (1), b. 1627-28 in Great Britain, d. Oct. 23, 1699. Probably came to America about 1645-47. In New Haven, March 7, 1647, M., in 1650, Elizabeth Meigs [see]. Was planter in Guilford, Conn., Feb. 25, 1653-54. In 1664-65 removed to Fairfield county, where he was a leading citizen, and an extensive land owner and dealer. Is called sergeant, on records. He, with his son Richard, was among the nine original members of the First Church of Stratford, now in Pridgeport. He left an estate of over £816. Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Meigs) Hubbell: John, b. about 1652, at New Haven, d. 1690; Richard (2), b. 1654; James, b. 1656; Elizabeth, b. 1659; Ebenezer; Mary; all in Guilford; Martha, about 1664-65, in Fairfield county. His first wife, Elizabeth, d. about or before 1672; and his second wife, whose initials on tombstone are also "E. H.," d. early in 1688. Children of second wife: Samuel, Abigail, Sarah, James (Fairfield), Richard m. (third), in 1688, Abigail Prudden Walker. Her children were: Joseph, b. about 1690, d. 1700; John, b. 1691 [see Prudden and Walker]. (II) Richard Hubbell (2), b. at Guilford 1654, d. 1738. Removed with his parents to "Fayrefield" when about eight years old. On Nov. 5, 1685, he m. (first) Rebecca Morehouse (dau. of Samuel Morehouse, d. 1687, and Rebecca ———, of Fairfield). Rebecca Hubbell d. April 2, 1692, leaving children: Peter, b. 1686; Ebenezer, 1687; Elizabeth, 1689; and infant son, Jonathan, b. March 25, 1692. Richard m. his second wife the same year, and had seven more children between 1694 and 1709. He was a wealthy planter, and held many offices of trust; was one of the nine original members of the First Congregational Church of Stratford Parish (now Bridgeport), to which church he willed a silver tankard valued at £55, which was in use at least 150 years later. He was lieutenant, and was selectman for ten years; was also auditor, constable, sheep master, on school and various other committees. (III) Jonathan Hubbell, son of Lieut. Richard Hubbell and Rebecca Morehouse, b. March 25, 1692, d. Sept. 6, 1766. Moved to Newtown, and m. Peaceable Silliman, Nov. 18, 1713. Children: Daniel, Ichabod, Richard, Hannah, Elizabeth, Jemima, Hepzibah, Beulah, Ithamar, Rebecca, Silliman and Jeptha. Jonathan's will is dated Nov. 24, 1768. (IV) Jemima Hubbell, dau. of Jonathan and Peaceable, b. (probably) about 1724-25, m. (first) Gershom Bostwick, and (second) Capt. Joseph Smith, of Newtown, June 13, 1754 [see Smith]. She is called Jemima Smith in her father's will. (V)

Mary Smith, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Jemima, m. George Clark. (VI) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens. (VII) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson. (VIII) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes. (IX) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy. (X) Adrienne Florence Muzzy, b. 1885. [Hubbell Genealogy.]

MEIGS (or Meggs). (I) Vincent Meigs, b. 1570, came from Dorsetshire, England, and settled first at Weymouth, Mass.; was living in New Haven, Conn., 1647, owning what is now corner of Church and Chapel streets; removed to Guilford, then to Killingworth, where he d. 1658. Will is dated Sept. 2, 1658. (II) John Meigs, b. in England in 1600, m. Tomasine Fry, sister of William Fry, in England, 1630. Was first in Weymouth, Mass., then in New Haven, Conn., 1647, Guilford, 1654, and Killingworth, 1663; made freeman here in 1669. Was a tanner, and had large estate. Owned some books, one a Greek and Latin Dictionary. His will is in existence. He d. at Killingworth Jan. 4, 1672. (III) Elizabeth Meigs, dau. of John, m. Richard Hubbell (1) [see]. (IV) Lieut. Richard Hubbell m. Rebecca Morehouse. (V) Jonathan Hubbell m. Peaceable Silliman. (VI) Jemima Hubbell (Bostwick) m. Capt. Joseph Smith [see]. (VII) Mary Smith m. George Clark [see]. (VIII) Huldah Clark m. Oliver Stevens [see]. (IX) Sally M. Stevens m. Samuel W. Upson [see]. (X) Emeline M. Upson m. Franklin Downes [see]. (XI) Florence E. Downes m. Adrian J. Muzzy [see]. (XII) Adrienne Florence Muzzy. [From Hubbard Genealogy.]

HON. PHILIP CORBIN, a leading American manufacturer, widely known in the business world as founder and president of the great hardware manufacturing corporation of P. & F. Corbin of New York and New Britain, president and treasurer of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Co., president of the New Britain Machine Co., vice-president of the New Britain Savings Bank, director of the Hartford National Bank, of Hartford, the Mechanics National Bank, of New Britain, and also of the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co., of Hartford, and formerly a city official of New Britain and member of the House of Representatives and State Senate of Connecticut, was born in Willington, Conn., Oct. 26, 1824.

The family name of Corbin is of great antiquity in England, and is enrolled among the *armigeri* of Staffordshire, Suffolk and other counties. In the annals of that kingdom Walter Corbin is mentioned in 1272; and Geoffry Corbin, presumably his ancestor, in 1194. They were of Norman origin, and were probably descendants of Robert Corbin of Normandy, mentioned in Magr. Rotul. Scaccarri Normanniæ in 1180-1195. The first of the name mentioned in American records is, singularly enough, Robert Corbin, who came from England and settled at Casco Bay, near Portland, Maine. "Corbyn Sound" there was named after him. He was a man of education and consequence. In the Colonial records for the year 1658, still preserved in the State House at Boston, his name appears signed by himself to a report of the commission sent out to that region by the Massachusetts Legislature for the purpose of bringing settlers there into closer touch with the Massachusetts government, his signature testifying to his recognition of its authority, and his willingness to be governed by its laws. He was killed by Indians, and, although married, left no issue.

The subject of this sketch traces his ancestry to James Corbin, born at Roxbury, Mass., in 1667, probably a son of John Corbin, of Roxbury, who is supposed by Savage [New Eng. Gen. Dict.] to have been a son of Clement Corbin, or Corbyn, of that town. It is possible that John was a brother or nephew of Robert Corbin, of Casco Bay; and the fact that he, too, fought the Indians makes this seem probable. John Corbin was one of sixteen white men who, with a body of fifty-two "praying Indians," Eliot's converts, left Boston on July 6, 1675, (during the King Philip's war), under command of the intrepid Capt. Isaac Johnson of Roxbury, marched into Rhode Island, and took part in the Fort Fight at Mount Hope, Dec. 19, 1675, where, at a heavy loss of life to the attacking party, the savage Narragansett tribe was destroyed [Hist. of Roxbury]. James Corbin is recorded as an original settler and proprietor of Woodstock, Conn., in 1686. He married at that place, April 7, 1687, Hannah Eastman. He was living at Dudley, Mass., in 1732, and died there. His sons were James, Jr., Clement, Philip, Samuel, and Elisha, all born probably at Woodstock, where the first three were married, although all subsequently became residents of Dudley. Each of these brothers was a man of weight and distinction in the community. James was chosen "field driver" in 1732; Clement, "town treasurer" in 1741, and "captain" in 1744; Philip, a "tytheing man" in 1739, and a "constable" in 1746; Samuel, "surveyor" in 1737, "constable" in 1739, and "selectman" in 1759; and Elisha, a "constable" in 1750.

Philip Corbin married Jan. 13, 1731, Dorothy Barstow. One of their sons, Lemuel, the great-grandfather of our subject, is first mentioned in the records of the town of Dudley as a young man who (in 1759) was given leave with orders to build a pew at the rear of the church. He was chosen "constable" in 1768, and became "captain" in 1781. In the history of Union, Conn., it is recorded that "Philip Corbin, son of Lemuel and descended from James Corbin, came to Union, from Dudley, Mass., in 1793." The historian further says: "He was a man of more than ordinary powers of body and mind, which, guided by stern integrity, gave him an influence largely felt wherever he went. He was a farmer, owning a large tract of land; manufactured potash in considerable quantities, and

at one time owned part of the Mashapaug sawmill. He was selectman a number of years; represented the town in Legislature in 1814 and 1815; and was a prominent and influential member of the Church." His wife, Rhoby Healy, of Dudley, bore him six children, of whom Philip, Jr., the third son, born at Union April 4, 1797, went to live at Willington, whence he removed in 1833 to West Hartford, where he died July 24, 1881. On November 29, 1820, he married Lois Chaffee, of Ashford, Conn., by whom he was the father of ten children, who lived to maturity. Philip Corbin, the third of this large family, is the subject of this sketch.

One of eight sons, Philip Corbin was brought up with his brothers on his father's farm. In the labor incident to its management, and in outside work, these lads all developed wonderfully vigorous physical frames, and acquired habits of industry and self-reliance which went far toward taking the place of the higher schooling from which they were in a measure debarred by their parents' limited means. Philip, however, after attending the district schools, had the advantage of one and one-half terms at the West Hartford Academy, and at the age of fifteen, when he took up farm work, was a well-informed and promising lad. Strong, active and willing, he did a man's work and earned a man's wages, which he turned over to his father for the family's support. Finding himself possessed of decided mechanical tastes, he quitted farm work when nineteen years of age, and (in March, 1844) went to New Britain, Conn., where he secured employment with Russell & Erwin, and later in the lock shop of North & Stanley. He had not been thus employed a year before he felt sufficient confidence in his skill to bid for a contract on his own account. Filling it to the satisfaction of those with whom it was made, he took another contract, and, calling his younger brother, Frank, to his aid, made him his partner. From the profits of their venture they deducted merely sufficient for their expenses, paying the surplus loyally to their father. In 1849 P. & F. Corbin, in partnership with Edward Doen, as Doen, Corbin & Co., built a small shop, put in machinery worked by horse-power (steam having been introduced then only on a limited scale), and on a joint capital of less than a thousand dollars launched themselves as manufacturers.

Their first aim was to make articles not made by others, in competition with European firms. They began with ox-balls, for tipping horns of cattle, window springs, lamp hooks, etc., and changed to other products when competition produced what they had made. The success of the enterprise was so immediate—the brothers being skillful and earnest workmen who did most of the manual labor themselves—that they soon drew three of their younger brothers, William (died 1860), Andrew, and George S. (died 1899), into the business, giving each in turn a share in its management. In 1853 the firm was re-organized as a joint-stock company, the style "P. & F. Corbin" being retained. From their original productions they soon branched out into the manufacture of certain kinds of locks, bolts, hinges, latches and general builders hardware. Plain and low-priced goods were made at first, but in 1868 new fields were entered upon, and the company turned out more ornamental goods than any other manufacturer then made. The P. & F. Corbin Co. was the first to use the bronzing process patented by Hiram Tucker, of Boston. The articles, styles and designs made have been innumerable, and the quantities vast and increasing constantly. The company has supplied bronze hardware for the State, Navy and War Department Buildings at Washington, D. C., the Post Office and Sub-Treasury at Boston, and many other public buildings; and for many great offices, business and government structures everywhere, including many large banks and insurance companies, and the fine State Capitol at Hartford. When the brothers began as employers of labor they had ten workmen in their pay. For years past they have had upward of eighteen hundred on their pay roll, this number including a large corps of inventors, artists, designers and pattern-makers, in addition to other skilled hands. The works and main offices of the company are at New Britain, Conn., and constitute an important feature in that thriving center. Many large buildings make up these works, which cover several acres. Stores with full stocks of the firm's products are maintained also in New York City, in Chicago and in Philadelphia. The catalogue and price list of the company's productions takes the form of a beautifully illustrated bound volume of about eight hundred pages, which is sent to all parts of the world.

In a degree probably far ahead of any other manufacturing concern, this company goes into the finer quality of goods, and the excellence and artistic character of these is not surpassed in any country. In 1882 the Corbin Cabinet Lock Co. was organized for the manufacture of cabinet locks, cabinet and miscellaneous hardware. Of this corporation, also, Philip Corbin is president and treasurer. From the inception of the business he has been the prime factor in its conduct and development; and to-day, although seventy-five years of age, he directs its vast operations with the vigor, sagacity, keenness of oversight and executive ability of a man of sixty or less. Still a man of vigorous frame, excellent health and quick mental perceptions, his appearance, energy and decision are a marvel and belie his years. He has added to his multifarious duties in other directions those attaching to the office of president of the New Britain Machine Co. Of the six brothers who formerly

were active in the business but two are now living: William Corbin died in 1860, Waldo Corbin in 18—, and George S. Corbin in 1899.

More than half a century ago Mr. Corbin was one of the most active men of his town and county in political affairs. Originally a Whig, he held office in New Britain as a member of that party, being induced to serve as warden of the borough before its incorporation, and as a member of the Common Council subsequently. He was water commissioner of the city for many years, and the addition to the city water works was supervised largely by him. As a Republican he was elected to the State Legislature in 1884, and served as chairman of the committee on Insurance. The knowledge and skill he possesses in mechanical matters, and the habit of inspection and criticism, have been of vast service to him in his public life, enabling him to get at and comprehend technical merits of all measures submitted. In 1888 he was elected State senator, the interests of the district demanding that he should accept this office. He discharged the obligations laid upon him with exceptional zeal and ability, proving one of the most conscientious and industrious members of the Legislature.

Mr. Corbin is a man of singular plainness, directness of manner, remarkable simplicity, sincerity and frankness. His natural ability is self-evident, and impresses the beholder at once. Strong, fearless and broad-minded, his democratic style sits well upon his massive frame and becomes his simplicity of life and speech. There is a sincere cordiality underlying his character which unmistakably attracts and attaches to him hosts of friends. A noble product of the plain, manly and industrious life of New England, he is a credit to his forbears, as well as to the institutions of his country and era, and an honor to the business element of America.

Mr. Corbin was married, June 21, 1848, to Francina T., daughter of Henry W. Whiting, of New Britain. Three children were born to this union, of whom two are now living, viz.: Charles F., associated with his father in business; and Nellie L., wife of William Beers, of New Britain.

JAMES KILLAM ANDREWS, who passed away Nov. 3, 1899, was one of Glastonbury's best-known business men, and a member of an old Connecticut family, being of the eight generation in descent from John Andrus, who came to America about 1672. This worthy pioneer was one of the eighty-four proprietors of Tunxis, now Farmington, in Hartford county, and was a man of wealth and prominence. He died in 1681, and Mary, his wife, died in 1694. By some of his descendants the name is still spelled Andrus, but in other branches it is written Andrews. The children of John and Mary Andrus were: Mary, born 1643, married Thomas Barnes; John, born 1645; Hannah, born 1647, married Obediah Richards; Abraham, born 1648, married Sarah Porter; Daniel, born 1649; Joseph, born 1651, married Rebecca ——; Rachel, born 1654, married Ezekiel Buck, of Wethersfield; Stephen, born 1656, died young; and Benjamin, born 1659, married Mary Smith.

Daniel Andrus, third son of John and Mary Andrus, lived in Farmington, and in 1672 he was recognized as one of the eighty-four proprietors. He was a prominent man, and was mentioned on the records as one of the "townsmen." He died April 6, 1731. His wife's name is not known, but they had a large family, as follows: Daniel, Jr., born March 9, 1672, married Mabel Goff Oct. 30, 1707; Mary, born Dec. 9, 1674, married Isaac Cowles; Joseph, born Aug. 10, 1676, married Susannah Hough; Thomas, born June 3, 1678; John, born June 10, 1680, married Mary Goff; Martha, born July 17, 1682; Hannah, Jan. 13, 1684; Paul, Jan. 2, 1686; Stephen, born Aug. 2, 1689, married Abigail Dodge; and Ebenezer, born Aug. 28, 1692.

Daniel Andrus, Jr., made his home near the line between Wethersfield and Farmington. He died Aug. 21, 1748, and his wife, Mabel Goff, who was born Oct. 31, 1690, died May 9, 1768. They had eight children: Joseph, born 1711; Abigail, born July 22, 1713; Mabel, born June 6, 1715, married Charles Kelsey; Eunice, born Sept. 18, 171-, married James Kelsey; Daniel, born May 12, 1720, married Eunice Kelsey; Hannah, born Sept. 8, 1723, married James Judd; Jacob, born Jan. 24, 1729, married Eunice Emmons; Hezekiah, born Aug. 14, 1731, married Anna Steadman.

Joseph Andrus, born 1711, was married, Dec. 13, 1733, to Elizabeth Wilcox, a widow, and later he married Theoda Pendal. He located in South Glastonbury at a place called "Shingle Hollow," and by occupation he was a farmer and mechanic. He had three children: Daniel, born 1734, is mentioned below; Joseph, born April 17, 1745, in Glastonbury, was married, May 25, 1769, to Susannah Brooks, of that town; and John, born in Glastonbury.

Daniel Andrus, eldest son of Joseph, was born in "Shingle Hollow." In 1777 he took the oath of fidelity in Glastonbury, and he was in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Second Company, 5th Regiment Militia. He lived on the farm now occupied by our subject, and his death occurred Dec. 3, 1818. His wife, Anna Eddy, of Glastonbury, died Dec. 10, 1827. They had children as follows: John married Lucy Eddy; Molly married Jacob Judd, of New Britain, Conn.; Dorcas married Ephraim Bidwell; Anna married Thomas Lewis; Phebe married Ephrapas Chapman, of Glastonbury; Rachel, born 1776, married David Taylor, of South Glastonbury; Charles died at the age of eighteen years; Daniel, Jr., is mentioned below; Betsey, born Dec. 15, 1783, married Luman Taylor, of Glastonbury.

Daniel Andrus, son of Daniel and Anna An-

drus, and the grandfather of our subject, was born June 4, 1780, on the old home farm, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a fine specimen of the race, being healthy, vigorous and athletic. The Middletown correspondent of the *Evening Press*, under date of May 29, 1871, had this to say respecting him: "A Mr. Andrus, of South Glastonbury, aged ninety-one years, walked from that town to Portland on Sunday last to attend services at Trinity Church. He stepped off as smart as any young man and read the services without the aid of spectacles." He died Nov. 11, 1871, and was buried with Masonic honors, having been one of the leading members of Columbia Lodge, F. & A. M., of South Glastonbury. He was married, March 3, 1811, to Laura Stevens, a descendant of Rev. Timothy Stevens, the first minister at Glastonbury. She was born March 20, 1786, and died March 19, 1857. They had three children: Harriet Maria, born May 5, 1814, married Samuel Andrus, of Hartford; Emily, born May 26, 1817, was married, Dec. 25, 1838, to Capt. William W. Abbey; and George Stevens, born March 30, 1819, married Louise H. Killam.

George Stevens Andrews was born and reared on the homestead, later occupied by our subject, and his education was obtained in the local schools. He entered the employ of the Colt Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, and was engaged in the work of "stocking pistols;" later he went to England, and was employed in Colt's factory there. He followed this line of work until past middle age, when he suffered the loss of the sight of his left eye. He then returned to his native town, developed the quarry of feldspar which abounded on his farm, and built the mill for grinding the product, being engaged in that business until his death, which occurred in 1891. He was a prominent citizen, and a leading Democrat, and served in the Legislature and on the board of selectmen. On Nov. 17, 1841, he married Louise Hillard Killam, who was born in 1822, at Preston, opposite Norwich, Conn., daughter of James and Caroline (Holden) Killam. Her father was engaged in tool manufacturing, and in later years was a farmer in South Glastonbury. George S. and Louise H. Andrews had four children, as follows: George H., born June 18, 1846, married Isabelle Robertson, and settled in Middletown; he was a contractor and mason, and did ornamental work in the plastering line, and was completing work on the cathedral in Hartford, and employed in ornamental work on the "Allyn House" in that city, when he died, Feb. 8, 1899. James K., our subject, was next in the order of birth. Jessie Louise, born July 23, 1850, was married, Dec. 29, 1870, to Robert Mitchell, the present town clerk of Portland. Edward died in infancy.

James Killam Andrews was born Feb. 25, 1848, in the house he occupied at the time of his death, and his education was such as was then obtainable in the district school. On leaving school he was employed on the home farm and in his father's mill, the grinding of feldspar having become an important business, and he assisted his father in managing the business until the latter's death, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the farm and feldspar mill, operating both. The feldspar is found in various quarries near the mill, which he controlled, his entire product consisting of nearly 5,000 pounds daily, all ground to the fineness of flour. It is shipped to Manchester, where it is made into a scouring cake called "Bon Ami" (good friend). The cakes are sold all over the world, and the business increased steadily under our subject's management. He was a Democrat in politics, and was chosen selectman in 1893, serving on the board two terms. He attended the Episcopal Church, and socially was much esteemed, his family sharing with him the good opinion of the community.

In 1873 Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Emily Cripps, a native of Wabaunsee, Kans., and daughter of Samuel Cripps, a blacksmith and wagon-maker of that town. The children born to this union are: (1) Harry J. married Miss Grace Endress, and has one son, James Henry, born Nov. 20, 1899; they are living in South Glastonbury, Mr. Andrews being employed as overseer in the grinding mill; (2) Alice is at home; (3) Daniel W. assists in the work of the farm; and (4) Lena Belle is at home.

STEPHEN MORGAN WELLS, SR., one of Wethersfield's most prominent agriculturists and highly-respected citizens, was born Sept. 25, 1830, on what is known as the Wells farm in that town, and belongs to one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Connecticut, many of its representatives having held honorable and responsible positions in county, State and National affairs from Colonial days down to the present time. The family is of French and English origin, and was founded in England at the time of the Norman Conquest. By one branch of the family the name is spelled Welles, while others, including our subject, spell it Wells.

The first to come to America was Thomas Wells, one of the first governors of Connecticut. He was born in the County of Essex, England, in 1598, and came to this country with the early settlers as secretary to Say and Seal, who afterward returned to England. He located in Saybrook about 1636, and later removed to Hartford, becoming one of the first magistrates of that town. Subsequently he filled the office of governor, and held other public positions. He died Jan. 14, 1659, or 1660, and was buried in Hartford. For his first wife he married Elizabeth Hunt, who died in 1640, and for his second he wedded Elizabeth Foote, widow of Nathaniel Foote, and sister of John Deming, one of the first settlers of Wethersfield. She died July 28, 1683, aged eighty-eight years. The

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children of Gov. Wells were as follows: Ann, born in England, in 1619, was married, April 14, 1640, to Thomas Thompson, of Farmington, who died April 25, 1655, and for her second husband she wedded Anthony Hawkins, of Farmington; John, the next in order of birth, is mentioned below; Robert, born in England in 1624, died in 1659; Thomas was born in England in 1627; Samuel was born in 1630; Sarah, born in 1632, was married in February, 1653, to Capt. John Chester, of Wethersfield, who died Feb. 23, 1698, and she died Dec. 16, 1608; Mary born in 1634, died young; and Joseph was born in Hartford in 1637.

(II) John Wells, son of Gov. Wells, was born in England, in 1621, and came to America with his parents. He made his home in Stratford, Conn., where he died in 1659. He held several public offices, and was one of the leading citizens of his town. In 1647 he married Elizabeth Curtis, sister of William Curtis, of Stratford, and daughter of John Curtis, one of the first settlers of that town. She was again married, in 1662, her second husband being John Wilcoxson, of Stratford, by whom she had three children: Hannah, born Feb. 14, 1664; Elizabeth, born in July, 1666; and Mary, born in April, 1668. Mr. Wilcoxson died in 1690. The children of the first marriage were John, born in 1648; Thomas and Robert (twins), born in 1651; Temperance, born in 1654; Samuel, born in 1656; and Sarah, born Sept. 28, 1659.

(III) Robert Wells, son of John, was born in Stratford, but spent the greater part of his life in Wethersfield, where he owned land and engaged in farming. He was captain of a militia company, and was quite a prominent man in his community. He died on his farm in Wethersfield in June, 1714, at the age of sixty-three years. In that town he was married, in 1675, to Elizabeth Goodrich, a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of Ensign William Goodrich. She died Feb. 17, 1697, and for his second wife he married Mary ———. In his family were the following children: Thomas, born in 1676, lived in Wethersfield. He was married, Sept. 28, 1699, to Hannah Warner, who died Sept. 18, 1738, and for his second wife he married Sarah Robbins, daughter of Capt. Joshua Robbins. He died Sept. 21, 1741, and she on Dec. 3, 1744. John, born in June, 1678, died young. Joseph, next in the order of birth, is mentioned below. Prudence was married, Oct. 21, 1700, to Rev. Anthony Stoddard, pastor of the Congregational Church at Woodbury, and died in March, 1714. Robert married Sarah Wolcott, daughter of Samuel and Judith (Appleton) Wolcott. Gideon married Hannah Chester, of Wethersfield, Nov. 30, 1716, and died March 26, 1740, and for his second husband she wedded Jonathan Hale, of Glastonbury.

(IV) Joseph Wells, son of Robert, was born in Wethersfield in September, 1680, and became a large land owner and prosperous farmer of that town, where he died in 1744, and was there laid to rest. On Jan. 6, 1709, he married Hannah Robbins, who was born in Wethersfield June 10, 1688, a daughter of Capt. Joshua and Elizabeth Robbins. They had eight children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: John, Nov. 13, 1710; Prudence, Feb. 12, 1712; Esther, May, 1716; Hannah, Aug. 5, 1718; Joseph, Sept. 17, 1720; Eunice, March 25, 1723; Joshua, September, 1726; and Christopher, December, 1729.

(V) Joshua Wells, son of Joseph, was quite a land owner in what is known as the Wells Quarter of Wethersfield, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming. He died and was buried in that town. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church. He married Experience Dickinson, also a native of Wethersfield, and a member of the same Church. Their children were Experience, born, Aug. 14, 1758; Hannah, Oct. 26, 1759; Joshua, March 26, 1761; Levi, Oct. 17, 1762; Gideon, July 15, 1764; Prudence, Oct. 30, 1766; Pamela Aug. 30, 1768; Abigail, Jan. 20, 1771; and Daniel, June 15, 1773.

(VI) Gideon Wells, son of Joshua, and grandfather of our subject, was born on the Wells farm in Wethersfield, received a fair education for that time, and became quite a prominent citizen in his community. He died March 19, 1810, and was buried in Wethersfield cemetery. In March, 1789, he married Emily Hart, who was born July 16, 1764, a daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Sluman) Hart, and their children were Sluman, born June 12, 1790; William Hart, Dec. 15, 1792; Emily, Oct. 13, 1796; Romanta, May 4, 1798; Dudley, Aug. 13, 1800; Mary, Dec. 30, 1802; Pamela, May 3, 1806; and Prudence April 2, 1808.

(VII) Romanta Wells, father of our subject, was born on the old Wells homestead, and there spent his entire life as an agriculturist, being one of the pioneer seed and tobacco growers of Wethersfield. He received only a district-school education, but became a well-informed man, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith was an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church. He died upon his farm, Aug. 13, 1861, and was laid to rest in Wethersfield cemetery. He wedded Mary Anne Morgan, a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of Stephen Morgan, who lived first in New London, Conn., and later in Wethersfield. Our subject is the eldest of the children born of this union; Emily Hart married Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, of Hanover, N. H.; Gideon, a prominent lawyer of Springfield, Mass., married Marietta Gilbert, daughter of Rev. M. S. Gilbert (he died in 1867); Dudley, residing at Wells Farms, married Felicia H. Hammer, of Wethersfield, and has four children, Mary Ann, Hannah C. Churchill, Gideon and James Dudley; and Romanta married Emma Louise Tuttle, and is engaged in the drug business in Chicago.

(VIII) Stephen M. Wells, whose name introduces this review, attended the district schools of Wethersfield, also the Wethersfield Academy, and completed his education at a high school in western New York, where he studied surveying and civil engineering. In 1851 and 1852 he was employed as a surveyor for the Lake Shore railroad in that section of the Empire State, and later was with the Providence & Fishkill railroad, now the Highland Branch & Consolidated road; but after the death of his father he returned to Wethersfield and located on the old homestead, upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements. For a number of years he was extensively engaged in the seed business and in general farming, and he is now interested in the dairy business as a stockholder and director of the Spring Brook Creamery, of which he was president for a number of years and is now vice-president. Since 1876 he has bred Ayrshire cattle, and is an active member of the Ayrshire Breeders Association, serving on the executive board since the association was organized.

On March 5, 1856, in New London, Conn., Mr. Wells married Miss Sarah Crannell Tate, a native of that place, and a daughter of William Tate. To them were born eight children: Virginia Tate, May 18, 1857; Anne Morgan, Oct. 6, 1859; Dudley, May 17, 1861; Emaline C., Aug. 26, 1862; William Tate, July 26, 1864 (he married Grace Woodhouse Capron, and is now with the Ætna Insurance Co. at Hartford); Stephen Morgan, Jr., Sept. 6, 1866 (he was married, Oct. 9, 1895, to Ella Washburn Sessions, and resides in Bristol, Conn.); Sarah Crannell, July 31, 1869; and Emily Hart, July 30, 1871. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, died June 18, 1882, and was buried at Cedar Hill. For his second wife Mr. Wells married Harriet Merriman Woodhouse, a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of the late Samuel Woodhouse, and sister of Samuel N. Woodhouse, a prominent citizen of Wethersfield. She was the widow of Cornelius E. Capron, of New Britain, by whom she had Grace Woodhouse, who was married June 10, 1895, to William Tate Wells, a son of our subject, and has had two children, Harriet Merriman and William Tate, Jr.

Mr. Wells takes a deep interest in local affairs, especially educational matters, and was active in the building of the Wethersfield high school. As a progressive farmer he is deeply interested in matters agricultural, is a member of the State Board of Agriculture and the State Experiment Board, and was a charter member of Wethersfield Grange. For many years he was chairman and secretary of the State Agricultural Society. As a breeder of pure Ayrshire stock, for several years his herd took prizes at many of the State and National exhibitions, which won for him a wide reputation. He was the first president of the Spring Brook Creamery, and held that position for several years.

Mr. Wells has always taken an active part in educational matters; was chairman of the board of school visitors of Wethersfield, and during his administration the Wethersfield high school was built. He is a stanch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and though he works hard for its interests he has never been an office seeker. In 1865 he was elected to the State Legislature, and most capably served as representative for one term; he has twice received the nomination for State senator, and, though defeated, ran ahead of his ticket. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, keeps well informed on the leading events of the day, and is a faithful member of the Congregational Church.

HON. ALFRED E. PHELPS, a prominent business man of Naubuc, has an extensive trade in coal, and is also interested in tobacco growing and general agriculture. His excellent judgment and knowledge of the world are combined with an agreeable personality, which has made him popular in social and political life.

Mr. Phelps' family has resided at Glastonbury for many years, his grandfather, Abram Phelps, a blacksmith by trade, having resided near the site of the brick school house, south of the post office, and later in a house on Naubuc avenue, where his death occurred. This worthy citizen married a Miss Pelton, of Portland, Conn., and had five children: Harriet married Frederick Cooley, of Glastonbury, and now resides in Worcester, Mass. Philo F., our subject's father, is mentioned below. Cynthia Ann married Samuel Clark, of East Hartford, and both are now deceased. Franklin F. settled in Worcester, Mass., in early manhood, engaging in the stove and tinware business. He married Sabria ———, and died in 1888. Eliza married Henry Smith, who died in 1898, and she now resides in New Haven, where her three sons are in business.

Philo F. Phelps, father of our subject, was born Aug. 14, 1818, at the old homestead on Naubuc avenue, and received a district-school education in his youth. As a young man he engaged in boating on the Connecticut river, and for many years he was captain of a schooner which carried stone and brick from Portland, Conn., to Hartford. When he finally retired from this business he opened the coal yard now operated by our subject, and by his excellent judgment he succeeded in establishing it upon a sound basis. At his death, which occurred April 9, 1891, he left a large estate. Politically he was a Democrat, and at times he held local offices, including those of selectman and member of the board of relief. His wife, Ann S. Wrisley, who died Dec. 18, 1880, was a native of Glastonbury, and daughter of George S. and Sarah (Keeney) Wrisley. Our subject was the eldest of

a family of five children. Of the others (2) Sherman S. married Mary Moyer, of Philadelphia, and in later years was a farmer in Glastonbury. At one time he was captain of the tug boat "Mabel," that ran between Hartford and New York City, and he was on board when it blew up in 1881. (3) Estella now resides in Glastonbury. (4) Helen, widow of Clarence Stevens, also resides in Glastonbury. (5) Emma J. married Roswell Hollister, and they are living in Hartford.

Alfred E. Phelps was born Dec. 2, 1847, in a house on Main street, Glastonbury, and as a boy attended the common schools of that town. On leaving school he assisted his father on the schooner for a time, and afterward served an apprenticeship to the engineer's trade with James Forsey, of Naubuc. He spent several years in Mr. Forsey's factory, but later engaged in the coal business with his father, and since the death of the latter he has had full charge. His business is now one of the largest in the county in that line. In politics he is a Democrat, and for one term, 1887-88, was selectman, while for two terms he has been tax collector, and in 1887 served as representative. He is a member of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs; and he also belongs to Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17; Wolcott Council, No. 1; Washington Commandery, No. 1; and the Mystic Shrine. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Phelps was married, on June 4, 1872, to Miss Isabel S. Griswold, a native of Glastonbury, daughter of James M. and Sarah (Sellew) Griswold, farming people of that town. The only son of this union, William G., was born April 27, 1877, and lives at home, assisting his father in business. He is a graduate of a Hartford business college.

SAMUEL C. TREAT (deceased) was the son of a farmer in the town of Glastonbury, where he was born July 19, 1820. His early education was acquired in the district schools and the academy, after completing which he learned the trade of a mason and stonecutter.

At the age of twenty-one our subject left the paternal roof and began the battle of life for himself, working at his trade in the town where he was born. Two years later (1843) he married Miss Catherine Willis, also a native of that place, born Aug. 25, 1820, and the same year he purchased a small farm in Glastonbury, paying for it out of his savings from his daily toil. After five years spent there he returned to his father's farm, remaining for a short time, and meantime still working at his trade. In 1848 Mr. Treat bought another farm, in the town of Bolton, Tolland Co., Conn., on which he remained for a few years, removing thence to Manchester; he there purchased several acres of land, on which he resided until death claimed him in 1898, and where his widow still has her home. After coming to Manchester Mr. Treat carried on a remunerative business as a contracting mason, and accumulated a comfortable competence, retiring from active business about fifteen years before his death. He was a quiet, unassuming man, of kindly disposition, whose life, if not eventful, was crowned with its full meed of success. Commencing life with no capital other than skillful, willing hands, an active brain and a keen sense of integrity, he made his own fortune and left a moderate estate, including three tenement houses in Manchester, besides other valuable property. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Treat's marriage was blessed with three children: Edward C., born Feb. 1, 1846, who died July 15, 1889; Susie A., born July 15, 1849; and Samuel, born Dec. 14, 1854. The daughter married Arthur Parsons, of Brooklyn, in which city she is still living, and has had six children, Clinton, Herbert, Bessie, Alfred, Robert and Harold.

THOMAS GRANT ALCORN, M. D., a rising young physician of Enfield, was born in the village of Thompsonville Sept. 21, 1867, son of John and Barbara (Hamilton) Alcorn, natives of Counties Antrim and Tyrone, Ireland, respectively.

Dr. Alcorn's paternal grandparents were Matthew and Sarah (McCaughen) Alcorn, natives, respectively, of Counties Derry and Antrim, Ireland. His great-grandfather, Andrew Alcorn, also a native of Ireland, married a Miss McCoy, a native of Scotland. One of the great-grandfathers of our subject was John McCaughen, also a native of Scotland, and a linen manufacturer in the North of Ireland. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Jane (Hamilton) Hamilton, of County Tyrone, Ireland.

Dr. Alcorn's parents came to America in 1847, and settled in Thompsonville, where the father, a machinist by trade, entered the employ of the Thompsonville Carpet Works Co., now the Hartford Carpet Works Co., and, with the exception of nine years, when he was in the employ of the Enfield Stockinet Co., he was connected with them until his death, May 17, 1899. His family was as follows: Eliza (Mrs. Charles S. Morrison), John S., Matthew (deceased), Isabel, Thomas G., Mary, Emma and Charles.

Thomas Grant Alcorn was reared in Thompsonville, and educated in the public schools of that village and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, being a graduate of both. In 1889 he began the study of medicine in Washington, D. C., attending between times lectures at Columbia University, and later he entered the office of Dr. E. F. Parsons, of Thompsonville, and was a student there for four years. He attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Boston, one year, and took a post-graduate course at Boston City Hospital in 1898. During the four years he was associated with Dr. Parsons he practiced his profession in Thompsonville, and is now rated among the

leading practitioners of that village. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE PERRY LANGDON (deceased) was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Southington, and was a recognized leader in commercial circles. He was a native of Alabama, born in Marion Sept. 9, 1842, but belonged to an old and honored family of Hartford county.

The first to come to the New World was George Langdon, who located in Wethersfield, this county, about 1636, but later removed to Springfield, Mass., and from there to Northampton, where he died Dec. 29, 1676.

(II) John Langdon, son of George, was born in England, and lived in Farmington, this county, where he served as deputy to the General Court in October, 1668. He was made a freeman in October, 1669, and died in 1689.

(III) Joseph Langdon, son of John, also made his home in Farmington. He was married in October, 1683, to Susannah, daughter of John and Mary (Kilbourn) Root, and died April 2, 1749.

(IV) Joseph Langdon, son of Joseph, Sr., was born in Farmington in March, 1688, and was married Dec. 24, 1713, to Rachel, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Porter) Cowles. He lived in Southington, where his death occurred.

(V) Giles Langdon, son of Joseph, Jr., was born July 22, 1720, and was married Nov. 4, 1751, to Ruth Andrews, daughter of Stephen and Ruth (Barnes) Andrews. He died in December, 1777.

(VI) Giles Langdon, son of Giles, Sr., was born in Southington May 24, 1763, and was married Jan. 20, 1785, to Sarah Carter, daughter of Abel and Mary (Coach) Carter, of Southington. He was a farmer by occupation, and held the military rank of captain. He died Feb. 11, 1847.

(VII) Perry Langdon, son of Giles, Jr., and grandfather of our subject, was born in Southington March 12, 1786, and in that town followed farming throughout life, dying there April 15, 1869. He was married May 5, 1814, to Lucy Hart, daughter of Col. Samuel and Rosanna (Clark) Hart.

(VIII) Augustus Perry Langdon, the father of our subject, was born in Southington April 11, 1815, and was married March 30, 1837, to Lucretia Benjamin, daughter of John E. and Harriet (Lewis) Benjamin. By this union two children were born: Lewis, who married Abby Wightman; and George P., our subject. The father removed to Marion, Ala., where he engaged in business until his death, Oct. 22, 1853.

(IX) George P. Langdon, the subject of this sketch, remained in his native place until twelve years of age, when he came to Southington, Conn., and spent the following six years here. He then went to Dubuque, Iowa, but after a sojourn there of six years returned to Southington, where he continued to make his home throughout life, with the exception of two years spent in the cotton commission business in Mobile, Ala. For a number of years he engaged in the drug business in Southington. He was essentially a business man, and took no part in public affairs except to exercise his right as a voter. Politically he was a Democrat. He died Dec. 28, 1884, honored and respected by all who knew him.

On Feb. 22, 1867, Mr. Langdon was united in marriage with Miss Julia P. Willcox, of Southington, and to them were born three children who reached years of maturity: William Augustus, George Perry (who married Wilhelmina Racher, of Southington) and Clarence Willcox.

WILLIAM WILLCOX, Mrs. Langdon's father, was born May 2, 1816, and was married July 1, 1840, to Sally Ann Bristol, a daughter of Julius and Sally (Barnes) Bristol. He was a man of prominence in Southington, held the office of selectman, and was one of the leading members of the Unitarian Church. His father, Francis W. Willcox, was born July 8, 1787, and was married June 30, 1808, to Paulina Andrews, daughter of Josiah and Rebecca (Bishop) Andrews. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived in the Flanders District of Southington, and later at Southington. He was a Democrat in politics, and being one of the leading and influential men of the town he was called upon to serve as judge of probate, selectman, and member of the Legislature (for the period of seventeen years). He died March 19, 1861, and his wife died Aug. 8, 1866, at the age of eighty years. He was a son of Justus Willcox, who was born in Middletown in 1750, and a grandson of Elijah Willcox.

CLINTON W. COWLES is entitled to a foremost rank among the prominent and wealthy citizens of Hartford county, and he belongs to a family whose members have for the last half century taken an active part in the affairs of this section of the State. He is a native of the town in which he makes his home, having been born July 9, 1841, near Buckland's Corners, in Manchester.

Stephen Cowles, grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was a native of Springfield, Vt., and in about 1834 came with his family to Hartford county, Conn., locating at Hilliardville, where he began work in the woolen mills. The trip was made in the winter time, with sled and ox-team. Stephen Cowles passed away in 1847, at the advanced age of ninety-two years: he was tall and spare in build. His family consisted of nine children, namely: Stephen, Austin, Eliza, Francis W., Paulina, Nancy, Martha, Mary and Walter.

Francis W. Cowles, father of our subject, was born July 4, 1805, in Springfield, Vt., and in early manhood came to Hartford county, where he be-

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came one of the most influential men of his day. He was a self-made man, having few opportunities in his younger life, as when a mere boy he began work in the Hilliard woolen mills, and when sixteen years of age he went to Buckland's Corners, where at that time there was a hotel and stage stables located on the old stage road between Boston and Hartford. Here he was employed until he reached his majority, when he purchased the old tavern, and conducted it successfully until 1846, when he removed to the farm now owned and occupied by his son Walter W. in Manchester town. He carried on general farming and stock raising, breeding Jersey cattle, and for the first few years had a grocery business in connection at Buckland's Corners. Mr. Cowles became intimately identified with the history and advancement of Hartford county, and his personal worth and popularity may be estimated from the fact that up to the time of his death he and Dr. C. W. Jacques and Ralph Cheney were the only Democrats who represented the town of Manchester in the Legislature since it was set off from the town of East Hartford. The following article, written by his intimate friend and boyhood companion, Judge James Campbell, at the time of his death, best describes a character in which were combined those qualities of head and heart which go to make the able business man, the faithful official, the true friend and loving parent:

One after another the old landmarks of Manchester have been removed until we come to the last with two or three exceptions; and when we count the remaining few we involuntarily exclaim, "Our Father, where are they?" Mr. Cowles moved into Manchester with father when a mere child and the town was his home until his death. Manchester then belonged to East Hartford and was known only by the "five-mile tract." At an early day he took an active interest in public affairs, more especially all matters pertaining to his own town. He had an ardent, sanguine temperament, and therefore whatever he did was done earnestly and zealously. He had a retentive memory and was a close observer of passing events, so that up to his last sickness he probably could give a better history of Manchester than any other man living therein. He always was a Democrat, of the old Jackson school, in whom there was no guile, and was in earlier years what may truthfully be denominated a partisan politician. But notwithstanding all this he had the confidence of his townsmen to such an extent as to be often elected to important offices in the town. He became a leading man in political matters, in both town and county. He served his town in the capacity of selectman several years, administering its affairs economically and wisely. He was made justice of the peace for years in succession, and this much can be truthfully said of our d-parted townsman and neighbor, no public trust committed to his hands suffered loss. Once he was put in nomination for sheriff of his county and would have been elected had it not been for the treachery of professed friends. It is true, but this truth need not be smothered, that sometimes his political zeal got so far the upper hand of his judgment that he allowed his tongue to send a poisoned arrow into the quivering flesh of some good Whig or Republican, and this might be his tried friend and neighbor. But such an offense on reflection was sure to bring regret, and no man was more ready to withdraw that arrow with a tender hand and mollify the wound with the oil of repentance than was the subject of this brief memoir. Mr. Cowles had not the heart or the ability to carry in his bosom for any length of time a grudge against any man. My departed neighbor had nothing visionary about him. With peculiarly sharp perceptive faculties, his whole mind as restless as the ocean and a body seemingly indifferent to rest or sleep, all presided over by sound practical judgment and good common sense, he necessarily attracted to him those in search of an adviser, and his counsel was often sought by those in trouble, and was uniformly and cheerfully given, and when followed there was seldom cause for regret. Mr. Cowles was known more extensively in neighboring towns than any other unpretending man in Manchester. It was no unusual thing for him to be called into neighboring towns to aid in settling neighborhood difficulties or other important matters. He was a thorough, sagacious business man, and at his death had accumulated quite a fortune, and was surrounded not only by the comforts and conveniences, but also many of the luxuries of a thriving well-to-do New England farmer. He was a kind husband and a sympathizing, indulgent father. He was a domestic man. The writer of this has often heard him say that the real happiness that had fallen to his lot had been found in his own home with his family around him and that all the rest was but a mere shadow. Mr. Cowles enjoyed in his reclining years what many other fond parents have failed of, which was the unswerving devotion and constant loving attention of his children. His wants by them were anticipated and were cheerfully as well as bountifully supplied. There were times when Mr. Cowles paid serious attention to the subject of religion, but he never became a member of any Church. He was, however, a constant attendant upon divine service on the Sabbath and contributed for its support liberally at the North Manchester Second Congregational Church for many years.

The writer was intimately acquainted with the subject of this notice for more than forty years. He had faults and he had no desire to extenuate them. He had virtues and he had no desire to eulogize them. This much he can say of a truth, that no man within the circle of his acquaintance ever so freely subjected himself to the judgment of superficial observers as did Francis W. Cowles. He made little or no effort to conceal his faults. He was faithful and confiding to his friends and forgiving to his enemies. Only a few hours before the fatal shock that deprived him of consciousness, anticipating its near approach, yet in full possession of all his mental faculties, he called his family around him and with fortitude and calmness unusual at such hour, even to the most heroic faith, gave particular directions about his funeral, requesting to be buried by his Masonic brethren. Neighbor Cowles is gone. He will be greatly missed in the town of Manchester and deeply mourned by his many friends.

Francis W. Cowles was married, Nov. 12, 1834, to Miss Harriet Wing, of East Hartford, daughter of Sylvanus Wing, and they had a family of five children, namely: Albert F., who is a farmer of Manchester town; Harriet, who died in 1858; Clinton W.; Walter W., a prominent citizen of Manchester; and Martha J., deceased wife of Dwight A. Moulton, of California, who is at present assistant State treasurer of that State. Mr. Cowles' death occurred in Manchester March 10, 1880, when he was seventy-four years of age.

Clinton W. Cowles passed the first few years of his life at Buckland's Corners, when five years of age removing with his parents to the farm in Manchester town where he grew to manhood, the place now occupied by his brother Walter W. Cowles. He received his education in the public schools, first attending district school No. 7, where among his early teachers were Harriet, Jane and John Williams. Continuing on the farm with his father until the breaking out of the Civil war, he in 1861

went out as sutler's clerk, serving as such from Nov. 1, 1861, until March, 1862, in Virginia and Maryland; he was in the engagement at Antietam. He was then appointed headquarter sutler of Gen. Condin's brigade, holding that position until his return, in 1864, to Manchester, where he opened a mercantile business at Buckland's Corners on his own account. In 1868 Mr. Cowles sold out this establishment and started the first livery stable at North Manchester, the following spring purchasing what was then known as the "Weaver Hotel" and since as the "Cowles Hotel," which he conducted in partnership with his brother Walter W. until 1881 and subsequently alone until 1887. From that time to the present he has rented the hotel and livery, devoting his attention entirely to his real-estate interests in the town, which are extensive, and his farms. He owns two tracts in Manchester of 100 acres each, his home place in that town consisting of fifty acres, a fifty-acre place near South Manchester and a seventy-acre farm at Manchester Green. For a number of years Mr. Cowles has also been engaged in settling estates, and he carries on an insurance and broker's business in connection therewith. Like his father, he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his townsmen to an unusual degree, and his opinion is frequently sought at home and elsewhere in matters of difficulty, his ability as an arbitrator being unquestioned. Like his father in politics also, he is a strong Democrat, and though not a politician in the ordinary sense of the term he has held various offices, giving eminent satisfaction in every incumbency. He represented his district in the Legislature in 1879 and again in 1887. In 1879 he was elected selectman of Manchester, re-elected in 1880 and continued in office until 1883, and holds the office at the present writing. Fraternally he holds membership with Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M.

On March 4, 1869, Mr. Cowles was united in marriage with Miss Nellie A. Annis, who was born in the town of Manchester, daughter of Charles Annis, and they have had children as follows: Francis W., who died when two years of age; Hattie W., now the wife of Charles W. Holeman, of Bridgeport, Conn., a collector for Mr. Hicks; Edith F., wife of Charles J. Strickland, of Manchester; and Walter W., who lives at home.

WILLIAM HAYWARD, who passed away in August, 1899, was a well-known brewer, of the firm of Mathewson Brothers & Co., of Thompsonville, and one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of that place. He was born in London, England, July 10, 1846, a son of George and Charlotte (Sturgnell) Hayward, also natives of London. The father, who was a brewer by trade, came to America about 1860, and followed his vocation in Canada, Troy, N. Y., New York City and Albany. He died in Albany in 1879.

Our subject was reared in his native city, and commenced learning the brewer's trade there, but completed his apprenticeship in Albany, N. Y., where he located in 1865. In 1874 he came to Thompsonville, Conn., and was employed in the Mathewson brewery until 1895, when he became a member of the firm of Mathewson Brothers & Co., with which he was connected until his death. The success that he achieved in life was due to his own industry, enterprise and good management, for he started out to make his own way in the world empty-handed.

In 1875 Mr. Hayward married Miss Kate, daughter of Henry Pontifix, of Thompsonville, and they became the parents of two children: Fannie L. (now the wife of Robert Rosley) and Bertha. Mr. Hayward was a pleasant, genial gentleman, a member of the Episcopal Church, a Democrat in politics, and a member of Doric Lodge, F. & A. M., of Thompsonville.

RICHARD F. BROWN, M. D., one of the rising young physicians of New Britain, attested his devotion to the profession he has adopted by the splendid rank he acquired in his medical training. He is young in years, but in the practice of a few years has already established for himself an enviable reputation as a physician.

The Doctor's father, James D. Brown, is a native of Brighton, Sussex county, England, where he was born in 1828. When a young man he was a member of the First King's Dragoon Guards, and was one of a detachment sent to Ireland to capture Smith O'Brien. While there he met a young Irish lass, Miss Katherine Donohue, who was employed at the home of Dr. John Peel. She was the daughter of Peter Donohue, a herdsman or overseer on a large estate. An attachment sprang up, but circumstances prevented an immediate marriage. Young Brown emigrated to America in 1853, and his marriage to Katherine Donohue occurred Dec. 12, 1854, upon her arrival in America. In their family of children were the following: Amelia married and lives in New Britain; James Francis is deceased; Margaret married F. E. Brady, of New Britain; Charles married a Miss Prelman; Emma is bookkeeper for Oldershow & Liddell, of Park street; Richard F. is subject of this sketch. After his arrival in America James D. Brown located first in Newington, Conn., and followed the trade of polisher. For a time he was a contractor at Corbin's, and he then removed from New Britain to Kensington, where for twenty-seven years he worked for Jonathan Hart. He was a poor man when he came to America and was without friends, but he rapidly pushed to the front by the exercise of energy and ability, and he became one of the best mechanics in his line, acquiring also considerable property. In politics he was a strong Republican, and in religious faith an Episcopalian.

Richard F. Brown was born in Kensington, Conn., Sept. 1, 1870. He was educated in the

high school, under Prof. Peck, and was graduated in 1889. Entering the Medical School of Yale College Oct. 2, 1889, Dr. Brown was graduated therefrom June 15, 1892, completing the regular course of medicine. While at school he did special work in pathology under Profs. White and Wheeler. During his second year he won the second prize of $75 in a class of twenty-two. Dr. Brown began his practice at New Britain in August, 1892, and has since followed it continuously with great success. He is a member of the medical societies of New Britain, of Hartford county, and of Yale. He is a member of the American Protective Association, and for two years has been examiner for Court Charter Oak, Foresters.

WILLIAM JOSEPH COYLE, M. D. Few physicians in this section are better known than the subject of this sketch, whose practice extends over a wide radius from his home in the attractive village of Windsor Locks. His thorough professional training was based upon an excellent collegiate education, which had prepared him for an unusually useful career, and he is not only a successful physician, but his interests extend to all that pertains to good citizenship.

Dr. Coyle was born Feb. 8, 1853, in the North of Ireland, a section which has produced many of our ablest men. His father, James Coyle, was a farmer by occupation, and came to this country about 1855, locating at Waterbury, Conn. He married Mary O'Brien, by whom he had eleven children, viz.: James, of Waterbury, Conn.; Fanny, who resides in Philadelphia, as does Delia, who is next in the order of birth; Mary, Mrs. Deheron, of Providence, R. I.; Sarah, wife of Frederick Austin, of Waterbury, Conn.; Peter and Thomas, who were killed by the cars at Jersey City in 1874; John, of New South Wales, Australia; two who died in infancy; and William Joseph, who is the youngest. The parents both died in Waterbury, Conn., the father in 1879, and the mother in 1881.

As a boy William J. Coyle studied in the schools of Waterbury, and after graduating from the high school he attended successively St. Hyacinthe College, in Quebec, the University of Niagara, St. John's University, at Fordham, N. Y., and Montreal Grand Seminary. Then he began the study of medicine with Dr. North, of Waterbury, and later entered the medical and surgical department of Buffalo University, at Buffalo, N. Y., from which he was graduated Feb. 24, 1885. During the succeeding spring, summer and fall he took his brother-in-law's practice at Binghamton, N. Y., and in the following winter located at Windsor Locks, Conn., where he soon built up a large country practice in the towns of Windsor, East Windsor, Windsor Locks, East Granby, Suffield and Enfield. At present he is medical examiner for the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Co., the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and the Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World. He is also active in local affairs, having been a valued member of the school board for the past twelve years.

On Jan. 14, 1880, Dr. Coyle was married, at Auburn, N. Y., to Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James and Mary Ann Mulheron, and five children have brightened their home: Mary, Annie, Loretta, William and Bruce. In religious faith the Doctor is a Catholic, and he and his wife are prominent members of St. Mary's Parish, Windsor Locks.

JOHN L. KELLY, A. B., M. D., one of the younger medical practitioners of New Britain, has evinced in the opening of his career the advantages which come professionally to the graduate of medical science in its present advanced stage of development. He has given special attention to the mastery of the more recent discoveries, and in his practice during the past several years has attained more than the usual degree of success.

Dr. Kelly was born March 7, 1868, at New Britain. His father, John J. Kelly, is a native of Limerick, Ireland, where he was born in the year 1846. His youth was passed in his native land, assisting his father, John Kelly, a carpenter, in the manufacture of small wooden articles. He received a good schooling, and when about twenty years of age emigrated to America, locating about 1866 at Petersburg, Va., where for a time he was employed as foreman on a large plantation. Later he removed to New Britain, where he worked for a time for the Corbins, and later entered the Stanley works, polishing butts, and becoming a contractor with profit and success. This business he followed for about fourteen years, when he retired. John J. Kelly is in religious faith a Roman Catholic, and in politics a Democrat, though he has never taken an active part in party affairs. He is distinctly a self-made man, and has been successful in life. He married Catherine Mead, of New Britain, daughter of John Mead, now deceased.

John L. Kelly was educated in the public schools of New Britain, and was graduated in 1888. For a period of about nine months with each firm he was then bookkeeper for P. F. McCarty and John E. Stack, successively. In the fall of 1890 he entered Holy Cross College, at Worcester, Mass., where he remained three years and was graduated in 1892, taking the degree of A. B. In the fall of 1892 he entered the Medical School of Yale College, whence he was graduated in 1896. During his professional course Dr. Kelly made a special study of bacteriology, then rising into prominence in the medical world. In September, 1896, Dr. Kelly began practice at New Britain. He has attained great success, due largely to the close application which he has ever bestowed upon his medical education. He has followed general practice, devoting considerable attention to diagnosis. Dr. Kelly is a member of the New Britain Medical Society. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 10, Order of Chosen Friends, and to Court Friendly, No. 45, Foresters. It is to his credit that his professional training is

due largely to his own efforts, and this circumstance has aided not a little in advancing him well to the front ranks of the medical fraternity.

The Doctor was married, in June, 1891, to Miss Nellie Emmett, of New Britain. The family is one of the oldest in the State.

HON. NELSON FRANKLIN TAYLOR, who for several years has been prominently identified with the public affairs of Kensington and the town of Berlin, was born in Wilmington, N. C., March 12, 1850, a son of George Taylor, who was born in Oswego, N. Y., May 12, 1810, and was a representative of an old New York family.

The father spent his early life in Oswego, but after the death of his mother, which occurred when he was young, the family came to Berlin, Conn. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at Mobile, Ala., for two years; but as the climate there did not agree with his health he returned to Berlin at the end of that time. The next year, however, he removed to North Carolina, and while residing there returned to Connecticut and was married July 2, 1845, to Miss Harriet Maria Hale, who was born in South Glastonbury, Jan. 26, 1825, a daughter of Josiah and Fannie Maria (Bidwell) Hale. With his bride Mr. Taylor returned to North Carolina, where he made his home for about eleven years in all, conducting a general store near Wilmington. He was also quite an extensive dealer in turpentine. In 1854 he returned to Berlin, Conn., and purchased a farm of one hundred acres in the Fourth district of Kensington, operating same until his death, which occurred Dec. 29, 1891. He was a liberal-minded man; physically was of medium height; was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, but gave little attention to politics, though he filled the office of magistrate, and was a consistent member of the Kensington Methodist Church. In his family were nine children, three of whom are still living. (1) George Loveland, born in North Carolina, March 8, 1848, was a farmer of Kensington; he died Sept. 1, 1899. He married Mary McGrath, of Southington, who was born March 31, 1855, a daughter of Thomas and Julia (Wheeler) McGrath, and they had two children, Frederick George and Cora May, both born in the house where the mother of our subject now lives. The former was born Jan. 29, 1877, and is now a bookkeeper for the Russell & Erwin Co., at New Britain, Conn. The latter was born May 1, 1880, and is at home. (2) Nelson F. comes next in the order of birth. (3) Jason M., born in 1859, is mentioned elsewhere.

Nelson F. Taylor attended the Kensington district school, pursuing his studies under the direction of Libbie Cole, Abbie Barnes, and James Wheeler, one of the best teachers of his day. As his father had lost heavily in the South, and was in rather limited circumstances on his return to Berlin, he was compelled to work hard, and was able to attend school only about four years. On Nov. 1, 1866, at the age of sixteen years, he left home and went to Hartford, where he clerked in the shoe store of Leonard Goddard for five years. The following two years he spent upon his father's farm in Berlin, and then went to Meriden, where he worked in several shops at a "rouge buffing," finally accepting a position with the Meriden Britannia Co., where he remained sixteen years. Returning to Berlin, Mr. Taylor was elected first selectman in 1889, and for the following six years gave his attention to the duties of that office. In 1891 he was elected deputy sheriff, and while in that office some of the most important cases ever heard in Hartford county were tried. He was more successful in capturing lawbreakers than any other man who has filled that office here. He has served as constable for the past fifteen years, and was postmaster at Kensington for four years during President Cleveland's second administration. Believing that "to the victor belongs the spoils," as soon as President McKinley was elected he sent in his resignation to Congressman Henry, but his record as postmaster was the cause of his being retained in that office for six months after his time expired. He has also held other official positions, such as school committeeman, and in 1888-89 represented Berlin in the State Legislature. In October, 1899, he was elected first selectman, and again in 1900, and he is now serving on the board as chairman, this being his eighth year in that capacity—the longest period any one has held that office; he has also served on the board in all eleven years. Although a Democrat in a town which is strongly Republican, he has been elected to the various offices on his merits, his constituents knowing full well that the affairs of the town are and will be well looked after under his administrations. In fact he is extremely popular among a large circle of friends, by whom he is held in the highest esteem.

Mr. Taylor has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of every office he has held, and has filled the same with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. While serving as postmaster he succeeded in getting an outgoing mail from Kensington which was a great convenience to the public, and consequently the revenue of the office was materially increased. He is now serving as chairman of the Democratic central committee of Connecticut, and has been instrumental in securing a large vote for his party. In 1894 he purchased Louis Kilby's interest in the grocery store of Kilby & Taylor, the latter being his son, and was engaged in that business in Kensington near the Berlin depot, under the firm name of Taylor & Co., until 1900, when he closed out the business.

On Sept. 21, 1869, Mr. Taylor married Miss Bessie Bidwell, who was born Dec. 17, 1849, and died March 13, 1881, leaving one son, William Harvey, who was born in Meriden, Dec. 19, 1872, and was engaged in business with his father. Mr. Taylor was again married, May 15, 1882, his second union being with Miss Adela Maria Warner, who was

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born Sept. 19, 1858, a daughter of Charles E. and Ann (Bronson) Warner, of New Britain, who graduated from the New Britain Normal, and taught school several years in Kensington. By the second marriage there is also a son, Harry Edmond, who was born Sept. 7, 1883, and is now in the office of Russell & Erwin's factory, New Britain. He attended the schools of Kensington and the Normal at New Britain, and took a commercial course at Mourse's Business College. The wife and mother is a member of the Congregational Church, but Mr. Taylor holds membership in the Methodist Church of Kensington. Socially he belongs to Mattabesett Tribe, No. 14, I. O. R. M.; is a charter member of Meriden Lodge, New England Order of Protection; a member of the American Mechanics; Independent Order Foresters; and Putnam Phalanx, Hartford.

HON. JEFFERY O. PHELPS (deceased) was born in Simsbury, Hartford county, Aug. 3, 1820, and descended from one of the oldest, wealthiest and most numerous families of Windsor as well as Simsbury, whose members have been famous as soldiers, statesmen, jurists and financiers.

The Phelps family of Simsbury trace their ancestry to William Phelps, who came from Tewkesbury, England, where he was born in 1599, and was one of New England's early colonists. His sons, Joseph, born in England about 1629, died in Simsbury in 1684; Joseph (2) was born here Aug. 20, 1667; Lieut. David, May 7, 1710; Maj.-Gen. Noah, Jan. 22, 1740; Col. Noah A., May 3, 1762; Jeffery O. (father of our subject), Feb. 1, 1791; and Jeffery O. (the subject of this sketch), Aug. 3, 1820.

William Phelps came to America in the ship "Mary and John," and landed in Hull, Mass., May 30, 1630. He lived five years in Dorchester, Mass.; then came with the first settlers to Windsor, Hartford county, where he died July 14, 1672, the father of seven children: Richard was born in 1619; William first married Isabella Wilson, and later Sarah Pinney; Samuel married Sarah Griswold, and died May 15, 1669; Nathaniel married Elizabeth Copley, and moved to Northampton; Joseph was the first of the family to settle in Simsbury; Timothy, who was born Sept. 1, 1639, married Mary Griswold, and died in 1719; and Mary was married to Thomas Barber, of Simsbury.

Joseph Phelps, above mentioned, on coming to Simsbury settled on a tract of land under Talcott Mountain. On Sept. 20, 1660, he married Hannah Newton, a daughter of Roger Newton, and to this union were born Joseph (2), Hannah, Timothy, Sarah and William. Mrs. Hannah Phelps died in 1675, and Joseph in 1684

Joseph Phelps (2) was born in Windsor, and died in Simsbury Jan. 10, 1750. He first married Mary Collier, of Hartford. His second wife was Sarah Case, daughter of John and Sarah (Spencer) Case, of Simsbury; she died May 2, 1704, and Joseph next married Mary Case, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Purchase) Case. His third wife died Sept. 10, 1757. To the first marriage of Joseph Phelps (2) were born three children: Joseph, Oct. 9, 1689, settled at Turkey Hill; Hannah, Oct. 25, 1693, was married to Samuel Humphrey; Mary, Oct. 17, 1696, died Jan. 9, 1713. To the second marriage were born Sarah, Aug. 11, 1700, who died June 14, 1714, and Damaris, March 5, 1703, who married John Mills, of Canton. To the third marriage were born four children: John, Feb. 14, 1707, died Jan. 5, 1713; Elizabeth, April 7, 1709, married Daniel Hoskins July 23, 1725; Lieut. David, May 7, 1710; and Amos, who married Sarah Pettibone.

Lieut. David Phelps, son of Joseph (2), a native of Simsbury, married, April 25, 1731, Abigail Pettibone, who was born in the same town April 22, 1706, and was a daughter of John (Jr.) and Mary (Bissell) Pettibone. David Phelps was commissioned lieutenant of militia in 1756, served in the French and Indian war, and died of smallpox Dec. 10, 1760, his remains being buried at Simsbury. His widow married Deacon David Strong, of Bolton, and died Oct. 17, 1787, and in her honor the chapter of the D. A. R. at Simsbury was named. The children born to Lieut. David Phelps and his wife were ten in number: David, born May 7, 1732, died July 9, of the same year; David (2), born March 26, 1734, was the ancestor of the Dodge family of Simsbury; Abigail, born Nov. 5, 1735, was married (first) to a Mr. Griswold and (second) to Amasa Case; Elisha, born Oct. 17, 1737, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and died in Albany, N. Y., July 14, 1776; Maj.-Gen. Noah was born Jan. 22, 1740; Rachel, born Dec. 10, 1741, was married to Col. Daniel Humphrey, a delegate to the convention that ratified the Federal Constitution; Ruth was born Sept. 15, 1743; Sarah, Oct. 15, 1745; Susannah, Jan. 4, 1748; and Lois, March 27, 1750.

Maj.-Gen. Noah Phelps, great-grandfather of our subject, married Lydia Griswold, of Poquonock, a daughter of Capt. George Griswold, of Windsor. She was born April 25, 1743, and died Sept. 17, 1821, having lost her husband March 4, 1809. The children born to the General and wife were five in number: Noah A., mentioned below; Lydia G., born Feb. 25, 1764; Chandley Conway, Oct. 22, 1766; George G., Aug. 18, 1773 (died in Ohio); and Elisha, Nov. 16, 1779. The last named was one of the prominent men of the State. He owned the first piano and the first Brussels carpet in Simsbury. He was an attorney, and represented his district in Congress. On April 16, 1810, he married, at Middletown, Conn., Lucy Smith, and they had one son, who became governor of Missouri and a member of Congress; and two daughters, one of whom, Lucy Jane, married Amos R. Eno, whose biography appears elsewhere; Mary A. married John Allen, of Saybrook. Gen. Phelps, who was born on the east side of the Farmington river, settled in the village of Simsbury some years after his marriage, and lived on the property now owned by the Amos Eno heirs. He was identified with several industries of the town, and was very promi-

nent, especially in military circles. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the militia in 1771, captain in 1774, lieutenant-colonel in 1777, brigadier-general in 1792, and major-general in 1796, and the documents pertaining thereto are now in the possession of Dr. Henry Eno, of Saugatuck, Conn. Gen. Phelps, among other daring deeds, passed alone through the enemy's lines at Ticonderoga, was there shaved, gathered all the information he desired, and was being rowed back across the river enroute to his own corps when the oarsman suspected him to be an American. He started to return to the British lines, but the General, being the stronger man of the two, compelled the ferryman to finish the trip. It was due to the information thus gleaned by Gen. (then Capt.) Phelps that Ethan Allen planned his attack on and captured Fort Ticonderoga the day following. Gen. Phelps also served as the second judge of probate at Simsbury, and as justice of the peace, as well as sheriff, and was the owner of considerable property.

Col. Noah Amherst Phelps, grandfather of our subject, died June 19, 1817. On July 31, 1784, he married Charlotte Wilcox, who was born April 4, 1766, and died Dec. 15, 1831, the mother of the following named children: Charlotte Melissa, born Oct. 11, 1786, married Frederick Jewett, of Granby, and died Dec. 29, 1871. Noah A., Jr., born Oct. 16 1788, married (first) Delia Clark, of Bloomfield, and (second) Catherine St. John, of New Haven; he was State comptroller at one time, was well known all over the State, and died in Simsbury. Jeffery O. was the father of our subject. Fanny Rosanna, born March 8, 1795, married Jonathan Pettibone, Jr., and died Aug. 22, 1877, in Willimantic, Conn. Hector F., born July 25, 1797, was a farmer, married Roxanna Selina Barnard, and died Feb. 10, 1874. Emma Maria, born Dec. 10, 1799, was married to William Mather, Jr., and died March 21, 1862. Guy Rowland, born April 1, 1802, became a physician, later manufactured proprietary medicines, and was the founder of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., realizing a large competence; his death took place in March, 1869, in Hartford, his remains being interred in Simsbury; his only child is Miss Antoinette Randolph Phelps, of Hartford. George Dwight Phelps, the youngest of this family, was born April 16, 1804, and when a young man went to New York City, began his business life as a clerk in a drug store at the corner of Wall and Water streets, later became proprietor, acquired a large estate through his own efforts, and died Aug. 31, 1872. The father of these graduated from Yale College with the class of 1783, studied law, and practiced in Simsbury. He was a colonel of militia, was active in public affairs, frequently serving as member of the State Legislature, and at the time of his death was postmaster. At one time he kept a tavern at Simsbury which was extraordinarily popular. He was kind and generous and a leader among men.

Jeffery Orson Phelps, father of our subject, was born in East Weatogue District, and was four years old when his parents settled in Hop Bottom Meadow, Simsbury village, taking possession of the house built in 1771 by Elisha Phelps, a brother of Maj.-Gen. Noah Phelps. When twelve years old Jeffery O. left school, and at that early age commenced working out at chopping wood for thirty-five cents per cord. Boy as he was, while at this work, he communed within himself, "I'll own this land, some time," and so it came to pass. He volunteered for the war of 1812, was appointed paymaster, and did all his own menial work, drawing pay for such servant hire, as officers of his rank were entitled to do. Thus he secured his start in life, and after serving three months returned to his home, was soon afterward appointed deputy sheriff, and for thirty years filled the office. On March 20, 1820, the property he had worked on as a boy was offered for sale at auction, and Mr. Phelps became the purchaser. In 1826 he took a contract to construct three-quarters of a mile of the New Haven & Northampton canal at Simsbury; this was heavy work, but he made money out of it. Henry Farnham, chief engineer, was favorably impressed with the way Mr. Phelps did his work, and secured for him a position as overseer, which he retained until 1848.

While serving as sheriff Mr. Phelps was appointed judge of the old county court, served two or three years, and was also postmaster at Simsbury, where he likewise kept a tavern, and rented lodgings at twelve and one-half cents per night. Naturally, as sheriff and judge, the attention of Mr. Phelps was called to the statutes of the county and State, so he instructed himself in the laws, and being of a quick and comprehensive intellect he so improved himself in this line that, comparatively uneducated as he was, he was hired to prepare cases for such lawyers at Isaac Toucey, Mr. Hungerford, Charles Chapman and Martin Wells, and finally was admitted to the Bar.

In June, 1853, occurred a memorable disaster on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and Mr. Phelps was at once selected as attorney for the company in settling up claims for damages, this work calling him all over the United States. In the celebrated case of the alleged fraudulent issue of stock in the same railroad, by Robert Schuyler, Mr. Phelps represented the company before the Legislature of the State of New York, in order to prevent that body from making the alleged fraudulent issue valid, and in this effort he succeeded. For seventeen years he was in the employ of this company and others, and during his career he settled up many of the heaviest claims ever brought against the New York, New Haven & Hartford road. All this time he resided at Simsbury, but had an office in New Haven for a part of the period, and he practiced law up to his death, which occurred March 21, 1879.

Mr. Phelps was twice married. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Pollina Salome Barn-

ard, was a native of Simsbury, and a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Pinney) Barnard. She died April 6, 1828, the mother of four children: Ebenezer B., born Aug. 21, 1817, died in 1863; Jeffery O. is the subject of this sketch; Mary P., born Oct. 15, 1822, became the wife of Nathaniel B. Stevens, of Winsted; and Charlotte W., born April 3, 1825, was married to Dudley P. Ely, and died in Williamsburg, N. Y. Mr. Phelps for his second wife wedded, on Jan. 2, 1829, Lydia G. Humphrey, who was a granddaughter of Gen. Noah Phelps. She died childless June 6, 1866, she, her husband and his first wife all dying at the home of Jeffery O. Phelps, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Phelps was a Democrat, but not much of a politician. He was born in the faith of the Congregational Church, but was never a member of any of its congregations. As the Methodist Church was weak and small in his day, he sympathized with it, and asked its members to raise $1,000 to aid in erecting a church edifice, agreeing to supply the balance, which he did, and the present Methodist meeting-house was completed in 1840. He was a constant reader of the Bible, was liberal, and helped those in need, but was exacting in business transactions. He was an interesting conversationalist, deliberate in speech, was not slow in expressing his opinions, touch whom they might, and never said a word he had to "take back." He was self-made, and left property valued at over $400,000, but had never been a speculator. Physically he was well formed, and his weight was about 200 pounds.

Jeffery O. Phelps, son of Judge Jeffery O. Phelps, spoken of in full in the foregoing paragraphs, attended school at Simsbury, in the Hop Meadow District, with Nancy Chapman as one of his first teachers. In 1838 he went to Amherst College for eleven weeks, and in the fall of 1839 attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and here ended his schooling. He began work by driving a canal team for a short time, and then joined his father and brother in the multiple pursuits of the former.

On Oct. 24, 1852, Mr. Phelps first married, at the town of Brainbridge, Chenango Co., N. Y., Miss Jane Humphrey, daughter of Austin N. and Amelia (Higley) Humphrey. Mrs. Phelps was born in Canton, Conn., Feb. 16, 1826, but removed to New York with her parents, and after her marriage returned with her husband to Connecticut. For four years they lived with Jeffery O. Phelps, Sr., in the house in which her husband was born, and in which her eldest two children had their birth. Four children in all came to grace this union: Harriet H., Jeffery O. (3), Charlotte W. and Mary J. Of these, Harriet H., born Aug. 14, 1856, was married to Aaron L. Eno, and had three children, Jane H., Sarah G. and Harry P. Jeffery O. (3), born Aug. 30, 1858, graduated from Williston Seminary, was for some years secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Mortgage Co., and is now in the iron business in Hartford; he married Bertha G. Adams, daughter of Hiram and Jane (Griswold) Adams, of Bloomfield, and has one child, Jeffery O. (4). Charlotte W. was born Dec. 27, 1860, in the house to which her father had removed from the home place, and just opposite his late residence; she is one of the well-known ladies of the D. A. R., is married to James K. Crofut, in the iron trade at Hartford, and has had one child, Charlotte, born Nov. 1, 1885. Mary J., born Nov. 13, 1865, is the wife of Joseph R. Ensign, of Simsbury.

Mrs. Jane (Humphrey) Phelps was called from earth April 30, 1874, and Aug. 13, 1879, Mr. Phelps married Miss Eleanor A. Crandall, who was born in Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1849. This lady is highly educated, has fine literary taste, was a successful school teacher, is an active member of the Methodist Church and of the D. A. R., and one of the leading ladies of Simsbury.

In politics Mr. Phelps was a Democrat, and never voted any other ticket, save with one exception, in 1896, when he cast his vote for a warm personal friend, Lorrin Cooke, the Republican candidate for governor. He was himself elected to the Lower House of the General Assembly in 1856, and the same year was also town clerk. In 1867 he served in the State Senate, representing the Third District. He likewise served in every office—with the exception of that of probate judge—within the gift of the people of his town, and was true as steel in every position so held. At the time of his death he was and had been for a number of years president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Simsbury.

As a farmer Mr. Phelps was one of the most extensive in the State. In 1865 he and his father owned 2,500 acres, but from time to time such tracts as they were unable to utilize for cultivation themselves were disposed of by sale until, at the father's death, the total retained reached but 1,575 acres; yet Mr. Phelps contiuued to be, and for fifty years had been, the largest landholder in Simsbury, owning at his death 500 acres under cultivation, and paying taxes in Hartland, Windsor, Canton, Southwick, Bloomfield and Simsbury towns. In his latter years he farmed simply because he wanted to keep himself employed. Some of his hands worked for him thirty-five years, and right in Simsbury some worked for him from ten to fifteen years. No man knew better than he how to handle help, and his helpers were his friends. He went on the bond of many a poor young man, at a time when it meant everything to the latter. He was very public-spirited, was ever favorable toward local improvements, and contributed freely toward the promotion of all that promised to be beneficial to Simsbury. When the Hartford & Connecticut Western railroad was projected, about thirty years ago, he and his father were among the first to recognize its advantages to Simsbury, and were among its most enthusiastic promoters; at the time of his death

Mr. Phelps was a director in the company, as he had previously been a director in the National Exchange Bank of Hartford.

Mr. Phelps was a hard worker from boyhood, but was physically well preserved almost to the last, although his eighty years of toil had begun to show somewhat plainly; at the same time his mentality was unimpaired, and his memory still retentive. He was a thorough gentleman, and had probably a larger number of warm-hearted friends in Hartford and adjoining counties than any other resident of Simsbury. The inevitable came Aug. 6, 1899, when he passed away at his home in Simsbury, and his remains were interred on the 9th, in the Simsbury cemetery, being followed to the grave by the largest cortege ever seen in the town.

PARK BREWSTER. This well-known and deservedly esteemed citizen of Manchester has passed the greater part of his active life as a teacher in the States of Connecticut and New York. He was born at Preston, New London Co., Conn., Sept. 15, 1823, son of Ephraim S. and Hulda (Giddings) Brewster, who while he was a mere child of three years moved to Mystic, and from that place—seven years later—to Greenville.

At nine years of age Mr. Brewster began working in the cotton and woolen mills at Mystic, attending the district school as opportunity offered. His early education, however, was mainly received from his father, a man of scholarly training and ripe education, and was supplemented by study at Greenville, Norwich and in the Standish (Conn.) Grammar school.

Mechanical pursuits and factory life not proving congenial to the youth, he at the age of twenty began his pedagogical career at Lisbon, Conn. His next engagement was at Mystic, where he taught for two winters, and thence he went to Norwich (now Norwich Falls), the following year removing to North Hempstead, Queens county, Long Island, at which place and in its immediate vicinity he followed his chosen profession for twenty-seven years. This period was followed by a year spent as instructor in the Bacon Academy, and he was subsequently engaged at East Williamsburg, near Brooklyn, where he taught five years. At the expiration of that time (1880) he came to Manchester, Conn., where he had purchased a valuable property, and after teaching on Spencer street, South Manchester, returned to a well-earned rest. He is now spending the autumn of his life in scholarly leisure and intellectual cultivation.

In 1853 Mr. Brewster was married to Miss Eunice Wheeler. They had no children, but adopted Eunice Boyce, who is now the wife of John P. Wheeler, with whom Mr. Brewster makes his home, Mrs. Brewster having died in 1891. Our subject is a devout member of the Second Congregational Church of Manchester and an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. He believes in carrying his religious convictions into the field of politics, and has therefore allied himself with the Prohibition party.

GEORGE W. LAWRENCE, M. D., is one of the most popular and successful physicians of Berlin, although he is one of the younger representatives of the profession. A native of New Hampshire, he was born in Roxbury April 2, 1869, and traces his ancestry back to the first settlers of Concord, Mass. They have all been modest and unassuming people. Abbott Lawrence, minister to England under President Grant, was a member of the same family.

George Sylvester Lawrence, father of our subject, was born in Nashua, N. H., Feb. 6, 1833. Throughout the greater part of his active business life he was engaged in lumbering, but owing to ill health he was finally obliged to turn his attention to farming, and is now living a retired life with our subject. On account of his health he removed to Lynn, Mass., when the Doctor was two years old, and two years later located on the original Lawrence homestead in Pepperell, Mass. After residing there for a year he purchased a farm near that place, in the same town, and upon it made his home until 1898, since which time he has lived with our subject, in East Berlin, Conn. He was married, April 1, 1864, to Miss Cynthia Hopkins, who was born Nov. 14, 1847. In their family were only two children, the elder, Elsa Elizabeth, who was born Jan. 11, 1866, dying at the age of six years, and her remains being interred at Hollis, New Hampshire.

Dr. Lawrence accompanied his parents on their various removals, and grew to manhood on the home farm. At the age of five years he began his education in the schools of Pepperell, Mass., and completed the high-school course at that place at the age of fifteen. He then entered Lawrence Academy, from which he was graduated in 1887, after pursuing both the classical and scientific courses. He entered Williams College, of Williamstown, Mass., and after leaving there became a student in the Medical School of Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1890. In August, 1889, he received the complimentary vote of the directors of the New Haven Hospital, appointing him on the house staff, and he served there as house physician and house surgeon until February, 1891, when he was given a diploma by the directors. By a thorough education and his hospital experience he was thus well fitted to engage in private practice. Coming to Southington, Hartford county, he had the practice of Dr. W. G. Steadman for eight months, and then returned home to take a much needed vacation. While there he took the examination of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and became a "fellow" of that fraternity.

On Nov. 9, 1893, Dr. Lawrence was united in marriage with Miss Letitia Reeder, of New Hope,

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Bucks Co., Penn., who comes of a very prominent family belonging to the Society of Friends, being a daughter of Eastburn and Eleanor (Kenderdine) Reeder. Her father was the first food and dairy commissioner of Pennsylvania, and is a very prominent man in that State. The Doctor and his wife have one child, Ruth Eleanor, born Nov. 14, 1898.

After his marriage Dr. Lawrence moved to Cromwell, Conn., Dec. 5, 1893, and purchased the practice of Dr. J. Francis Calef, now surgeon-general of Connecticut. The practice was so large that it was almost impossible for him to take care of it, and at length he was obliged to give it up, Feb. 1, 1895, on account of ill health, selling out to Dr. Charles E. Bush. On Feb. 15, as a member of the staff of physicians and surgeons, he entered Cromwell Hall, a retreat for those suffering with mental and nervous diseases, and was connected with that institution until Sept. 1. On Oct. 5, 1895, he opened an office on Wilcox avenue, East Berlin, but later moved to Grove street, which property he purchased in July, 1896. He has succeeded in building up an excellent practice, which extends throughout East Berlin, Berlin, Westfield, West Cromwell, Rocky Hill, Beckley and Kensington, and he often receives special calls from Middletown and New Britain. He is consulting surgeon to the New Britain Hospital, and is medical examiner for all of the old line insurance companies doing business in his territory. He has been eminently successful in his chosen calling, has established a very large private practice, and is exceedingly popular with his patients and fellow townsmen.

Dr. Lawrence is a trustee and prominent member of Mattabessett Lodge, No. 25, K. P., of East Berlin; is a member of the D. E. I., of Yale University; and also of the Yale Medical Association, and the Connecticut Medical Society. Politically he is a Republican, but votes independent of party lines at local elections, and is a member of the consolidated school committee. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Church of East Berlin, while his wife is connected with the Society of Friends.

D. C. Y. MOORE, M. D., was born at New Boston, Mass., July 24, 1869. He grew to early manhood at Robertsville, Conn., to which place his parents had removed when he was a child of two years, and his early education was begun at the common schools of that town, and carried on at the high schools of Winsted and Torrington, being completed at the University of New York.

At the age of eighteen our subject began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Walter Holmes, then a resident of Riverton, Conn., but now practicing at Chester, Vt., and remained under his preceptorship for three years, during the last two of which he was principal of an academy at New Greenwoods. Dr. Holmes was a practitioner of the Allopathic school, but his young student had devoted not a little time and thought to the consideration of the principles underlying the teachings of Hahnemann. Therefore it came about that when he was prepared to matriculate at a medical school he selected the New York Homeopathic Medical College, entering that institution at the age of twenty-two, and graduating in 1895, having taken a four-years course. The eighteen months succeeding graduation he spent as an assistant in the Flower and Brown Streets hospitals, New York, and in May, 1897, he entered upon practice in his native State, and in the following September he located permanently in South Manchester. For two years he has practiced in that town with marked success, the number of his patients constantly increasing. Although yet a young man he has achieved reputation alike among his professional brethren and his patients. He is a member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society.

Dr. Moore is connected with Phoenix Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of New Hartford, and is a member of the King David Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Manchester. His religious creed is that of the Congregational Church, with which he is united.

On May 30, 1895, the Doctor was married to Miss Ida M. Quilter, of Hartford.

HORACE BOWER, deceased. While childhood and youth have their distinctive charms, a greater interest invests, to the thoughtful mind, a personality which has garnered up the wealth of long experience, and carries the impress of years of useful activity. The subject of this biography, who attained the good old age of ninety-four, was one of the most highly-esteemed residents of Windsor, he and his estimable wife passing the afternoon of life in comfort in the same house which they occupied during their sixty-four years of happy wedlock, and enjoying better health than many people of middle age. Mr. Bower, during his ninety-third summer, mowed regularly the public green in front of his home, "just for exercise." His hand was steady, his step firm, and except for impaired eyesight he showed few signs of his years.

Mr. Bower was probably of German descent in the paternal line, although according to some authorities the family originated in Holland. The name was variously spelled in the early days, appearing in the records most frequently as Bower, Bowers or Bowe, and the first ancestor of whom we have any account was John Bower, who came to Windsor. John Bower, our subject's grandfather, was a well-known citizen of East Windsor in his day.

John Bower (2), the father of our subject, was born in East Windsor, and for many years carried on business in Windsor as a shoemaker, work of that sort being then done exclusively to order in custom shops. In politics he was a steadfast supporter of the Democratic party. He lived to the age of eighty-nine years, while his wife,

Ruby Palmer, a native of Pigeon Hill, in the town of Windsor, was eighty-four at the time of her death. The remains of both now repose in the cemetery at Windsor. This worthy couple had five children: Fanny, Mrs. Roswell Blodgett, who resided with our subject for eleven years previous to her death; Sydney, deceased, formerly a prominent resident of Windsor; Cynthia, who married Horace Barker, and died in West Suffield; Horace, our subject; and Anson G., a shoemaker by trade, who died in DeKalb, Ill., some years ago.

Our subject was born July 18, 1805, near Windsor, and his education was limited to the schools of that locality, his natural abilities enabling him, however, to make good use of his opportunities, such as they were. As he was always fond of reading, until his eyesight began to fail, he kept well-posted on current topics. As a young man he engaged in shoemaking with his brother Sydney in the building which he afterward remodeled for his residence, and about 1830 they purchased land near Windsor village, where they carried on farming for some years. In 1849 they divided the property, which had by that time become very valuable, and our subject retired from the shoemaking business in order to give his attention to the work of opening a new addition to the village. He laid out a number of building lots, Prospect street running through his tract, and the prices received demonstrated his sound judgment in undertaking the enterprise. As an ardent Democrat he always took keen interest in local affairs, and for twenty-two years he served as town clerk, having succeeded his brother Sydney at the latter's death. For some time he was school committeeman, while he filled the office of town treasurer until he declined to serve longer. As an official he was painstaking and faithful, and his ability and zeal in party work made him one of the most influential Democrats of the locality. From 1840 he was a member of the Methodist Church at Windsor, and in 1843 he was appointed treasurer of that society, an office which he held continuously for fifty years, while he was a member of the board of trustees until his decease, March 18, 1900. In general church work he took an active part, especially in his younger days, and his gifts as a musician were made effective by his long service as a leader of the choir. Music was a delight to him from boyhood, and at an early age he began to play the violin, upon which he became a fine performer, but of late he had ceased to practice.

On Nov. 18, 1835, Mr. Bower married Miss Nancy A. Welch, and two children blessed the union: (1) W. H., born Jan. 14, 1843, at Windsor, went to St. Charles, Ill., at the age of eighteen, and engaged in the drug business; for ten years he has resided in Windsor, being employed as a piano tuner by John M. Gallup & Co., of Hartford. He was married, in St. Charles, to Miss Emma Chamberlain, by whom he has had two children, Frederick B. and Maud A. Frederick B., who has a fine tenor voice and much talent as a musician, is organist of the Unitarian Church and superintendent of music in the schools of Manchester, N. H. He married Miss Frances L. Williams, of Windsor, and has one daughter, Clarice. Maud A. married H. L. Goslee, and has one son, Leonard B. (2) Nancy A., only daughter of our subject, married Anson H. Ellsworth, a prominent citizen of Fullerton, Neb., and her children are taking honorable positions in life, one of her sons being county clerk and another county surveyor.

Mrs. Bower, whose earnest Christian character was a strong support to her husband in all his work, was born in Windsor Jan. 23, 1814, daughter of Lemuel and Nancy (Benton) Welch, and died March 11, 1900, just a week before our subject. Her father was a well-known tavernkeeper in Windsor. She had one brother, Lemuel A., who died in Windsor, and a sister, Julia E., a resident of East Granby, who married (first) Stanton Babcock, and (second) Richard Phelps, both now deceased.

HON. GEORGE WHITEFIELD PRATT (deceased), of East Hartford, was in his lifetime one of the most prominent and honored men of his day, as well as one of the most philanthropic and useful. He was born Jan. 29, 1812, in a house in Silver Lane that has long since been demolished, was named after the famous Methodist divine of the last century, and was a son of Eliab and Dorcas (Williams) Pratt.

Deacon Eliab Pratt was born March 26, 1767, a son of Eliab and Margaret Pratt, and married Dorcas Williams Jan. 14, 1792. To that union were born nine children, as follows: Eli, Oct. 6, 1792; Emily, Dec. 21, 1793; Abner, Jan. 14, 1795; Solomon, April 20, 1796; Williams, Feb. 11, 1798; Dorcas, July 23, 1799; Luther, Aug. 31, 1800; Mary, Jan. 8, 1803; and George W. The mother died July 12, 1849, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

George W. Pratt was of the sixth generation in descent from John Pratt, a native of Hereford, England, who came to Hartford from the Massachusetts Bay Colony, with Rev. Mr. Hooker, in 1634, and the line of descent is through John, Jr., Jonathan, Eliab, Eliab, Jr., to George W. In 1681 John Pratt, Jr., came into possession of the strip of land on what is now Silver Lane, which has ever since been held by the Pratt family.

Until fifteen years of age George W. Pratt remained on his father's farm, receiving his education at the old Willow Brook school house, which stood in the middle of the road until 1830, and it is thought that his only surviving schoolmates are Deacon Ashbel Brewer and J. Fitch Comstock. The chief products of East Hartford farms in the youthful days of George W. were potatoes, corn, rye, flax and wood, the culture of tobacco not then being thought possible at the North. From the age of fifteen until he was twenty-one George W. Pratt

served an apprenticeship in the jewelry establishment of Church & Rogers, in Hartford, then worked for some years for various other firms. In 1844 he went to New York, and took a position as traveling salesman for Nichols, Goodwin & Co., jewelers, on Maiden Lane. In 1851 he went into business as senior member of the firm of Pratt, Limbard & Co., at No. 22 John street, who did business as jewelry jobbers, and also had a jewelry factory on Elm street, and in this business Mr. Pratt remained until 1892. In the meantime, however, after twenty-two years' absence on the road and in New York, he had returned to the Connecticut homestead and made this his headquarters, his brother, Williams Pratt, who hitherto had charge of it, having died in 1866, after which date George W. remained here, supervising his New York firm by mail or occasional visits in person.

In politics Mr. Pratt was a Democrat, and a very popular one. In 1873 his party sent him to represent his town in the State Legislature, and so well satisfied were they with their choice that they returned him the following year, when the Legislature met for the last time in New Haven. During his second term Mr. Pratt was a member of the committee on Banking. In 1874-75 he was on the State Bridge Commission; in 1875 he was first selectman, and was on the board the ensuing year; in 1876 and 1877 he was a grand juror. He was a member of the building committee of the Hockanum Congregational Church.

Mr. Pratt had many entertaining reminiscences of the old days back in the dim dawn of the century. One bright June morning, when he was five years old, he was watching his father's men swinging their scythes in the meadow grass when a queer little craft with crazy, top-heavy paddle boxes, came puffing up the river. It bore the name "Experiment." The little boat was probably the first to steam on the Connecticut river. When LaFayette journeyed from Boston to Hartford by stage, in 1824, he took dinner at the tavern which is now the house of Henry R. Hayden. Henry Phelps was the tavern-keeper. It was raining when the huge coach with its four panting horses came to a stop. Mine Host Phelps was at the block, and escorted the venerable patriot into the building, where doubtless both were refreshed by a comfortable toddy or two.

In 1825 there was but one painted house on Silver Lane. The others were *au naturel*. In a few years, however, the white with green blinds, which for fifty years was the only combination, began to come in. Mr. Pratt recalled when pickerel and rock perch were thick in the Hockanum river, and on one occasion he caught seventy-two shad in the stream back of Sam Forbes', with but one cast of his net.

Mr. Pratt was twice married, in 1833 to Mary Morris, of Wethersfield, who died without issue in 1875. In 1876 he married Anna Hills, born Sept. 17, 1854, a daughter of Frederick W. and Jane (Pratt) Hills, and to this marriage were born three children: Anna, born Feb. 11, 1881, still under the parental roof, who is a musician of more than ordinary ability; Lena W., born Feb. 15, 1886; and George W., born May 20, 1889.

Mr. Pratt enjoyed excellent health during the latter years of his life, until about seven weeks prior to his death, which occurred in 1897. In alluding to this sad event, the "Jewelers Circular," of New York, of May 12, 1897, announced that "News was received in New York Monday of the death, in East Hartford, Conn., of George W. Pratt, one of the oldest jewelers of New York. Death was caused by no particular disease, but simply by the infirmities of old age."

Mr. Pratt was a gentleman of whom any community might well feel proud, and was one of the most prominent men of the town. He exerted an extended influence for good, and there was no movement for the benefit of his fellow men, that came within his cognizance, but found his ready aid, morally and financially. He was a kind, loving and indulgent husband, a stanch friend, and left an unsullied name as a priceless inheritance to his children. His remains rest in the East Hartford cemetery, and his memory is revered by the entire population.

JULIAN N. PARKER, M. D., is the son of a farmer of Tolland county, Conn., having been born in Mansfield, July 3, 1840. His early education was received at the common schools of his native village, and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, from which he was graduated with distinction.

Dr. Parker had not yet attained his majority when the country was startled by the booming of guns in Charleston Harbor, and on Sept. 1, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D, 21st Conn. V. I. After a few months service he was assigned to duty as hospital steward of his regiment and served as such until the close of the war, being finally mustered out at New Haven July 1, 1865. He participated in all the battles, sieges, skirmishes and reconnoisances in which his regiment was engaged, among the most noteworthy being the hard-fought battles of Fredericksburg Dec. 13-14, 1862, Drury's Bluff May 16, 1864, and Cold Harbor June 5, 1864, and the tedious and memorable siege of Petersburg. After receiving his discharge he returned home and began reading medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Norman Brigham, of Mansfield, but shortly afterward matriculated at Yale College, graduating in 1868. The next two winters he spent at the College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York, practicing his profession at Mansfield during the summer months, and in the autumn of 1869 he went abroad to continue his professional studies at the celebrated "L'Ecole de Medicine," at Paris.

On Dr. Parker's return to America, in the sum-

mer of 1870, he established himself at Mansfield, where he continued in practice for two years, removing to Manchester in April, 1872. He has remained in the latter town since that date. He is enthusiastically devoted to his profession, is a hard student and a profound thinker, and that he has been eminently successful goes without saying.

Dr. Parker keeps the memory of his military service fresh through his connection with Drake Post, No. 4, G. A. R., of Manchester. He also keeps in touch with his brother practitioners through the County and State Medical Associations, of both of which bodies he is an esteemed member. Fraternally he belongs to Uriel Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., of Mansfield.

On June 8, 1871, the Doctor was married to Miss Caroline Shepard.

HECTOR CHAPMAN. The name Chapman is of Saxon origin, and is one of the many surnames derived from trades or occupations, the word meaning market-man or merchant.

Robert Chapman, who is supposed to have been the first of the name to come to America, was from Hull, England, and landed at Boston in August, 1635. In November of that year he settled at Saybrook, Conn., and on April 29, 1642, he married Ann Blith, who died Nov. 20, 1685. His death occurred Oct. 13, 1687, and according to family tradition, which fixes the date of his birth as 1616, he was over seventy years old. The subject of this sketch, a prominent business man of Glastonbury, is a direct descendant of William Chapman, an early settler at New London, Conn. The name of this pioneer first appears on the New London records in 1657, and at a meeting in 1663 the following was entered upon the book of town grants: "William Chapman hath given him thirty ackers of upland bounded towards the South with Mr. Douglas his land and towards the east with the small brook that leads to Jordan river and towards the north with Arkanbukie Meadow and towards the west with a ledge of rocks and a tree marked on four sides." At a town meeting Aug. 25, 1691, it was "Voated that whereas William Chapman had formerly allowed him by the town three pounds for his sextons place the yeare, they now add thirty shillings more and order him five pounds per year for sweeping the meeting house, and galleries and ringing the bell." He died Dec. 18, 1699, leaving an estate appraised at £28 0s 6d. His will was signed April 1, 1669. His wife's name is unknown, but they had seven children, as follows: John, born November, 1653, living at Colchester in May, 1748, nearly ninety-five years old; William; Samuel, born 1665, died Nov. 2, 1758; Joseph, born 1667; Jeremiah, born 1670; Sarah; and Rebecca.

(II) William Chapman, son of William the pioneer, is supposed to have settled in Groton, Conn., in 1690. He married Hannah Lester, daughter of Daniel Lester, about 1690, and had four children: William, born March, 1691; Jonathan; Solomon; Mary (whether she married or not is uncertain).

(III) Solomon Chapman married, but the name of his wife is unknown. Their children were: Jonah; Jonathan, who removed to Deerfield, Mass., married Susan Sweet, and had a family; Solomon; David; John; Samuel; William married a Miss Pease, and had several children; Lydia married Joseph Sweet; Betsey married a Mr. Harris; Susan married Jonathan Sweet; Phebe married Levi Hodge; and Sarah married Jonathan Chapel.

(IV) Jonah Chapman, son of Solomon, was one of the first of the name to reside in Glastonbury. He married Lydia Taylor, and had children as follows: Amasa; Azel; Epaphras, born 1777; Betty married Jonathan Daniels, of Hebron; Lydia married Daniel Hale; Sally, born March 5, 1767, married Frederick Goodrich; Susan married Aaron Loveland; and Phebe died young.

(V) Azel Chapman, grandfather of our subject, and son of Jonah, was a ship carpenter and lived in South Glastonbury. He died shortly before our subject's father was born, his death being caused by a fall from a mast of a vessel. He was married in 1789 to Nabby Hale, and had twelve children: Lovina, born December, 1790, died at fourteen years of age; Julia, born December, 1791, married William House; Alvan, born 1792; Electa, born Jan. 22, 1794, married Benjamin Taylor; Orrin; Anson, born May 17, 1798; Silas died young; Silas (2) also died young; Nancy, born March 27, 18—, married Chester Hale; Ralph, born Feb. 2, 1802; Melinda married Arnold Keeney; and Azel, our subject's father.

(VI) Azel Chapman was born March 17, 1808, in South Glastonbury, about three miles east of the South Glastonbury main road. His schooling was limited as his mother was left with a large family, and he was obliged to support himself from a very early age. He worked at various places, sometimes receiving harsh treatment which he did not deserve; but being very industrious he nearly always had employment. He worked in Portland quarries for many years, and afterward bought a small farm in South Glastonbury which he operated for about eight years. He then sold it to Ansel Chapman and removed to North Glastonbury, renting a farm from Esq. Wells for about four years, and later he bought the Wells hotel and farm. In 1861 he discontinued the hotel business and devoted his attention to farming until his death, which occurred Aug. 31, 1883. The old hotel is now occupied by Charles Chapman as a residence. Azel Chapman raised the house one story, after he took possession, to accommodate his large trade. In his day it was the scene of a great deal of gaiety and pleasure, being on the road between New London and Hartford, where parties could conveniently stop. Azel Chapman was married Aug. 6, 1828, to Eunice Atresta House, and had four children: Albert, born Feb. 1, 1830 (now deceased),

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married Mary Ann Stevens, and settled in Glastonbury, where he followed the joiner's trade: Hester, born July 4, 1832, married William Stevens, a farmer in Glastonbury; Hector, our subject, was third in the order of birth; Charles, born April 20, 1843, married Henrietta Wright, and resides in Glastonbury. He is mentioned more fully below.

Hector Chapman, our subject, was born March 23, 1836, in Matson Hill District, where his father owned a farm. The family moved to the hotel when our subject was four years old, and he attended a district school in that locality. On leaving school he spent a year at home and then, at the age of twenty, entered a general store in South Manchester. His entrance upon mercantile life was at an unfortunate time, the panic of 1857 interfering with business, so that after a year and a half he returned to Glastonbury, and for four years managed a farm which he had purchased. He then went to Hartford, and was in mercantile business with W. S. Bronson, on Asylum street, for ten years, when he withdrew from the firm and bought a store in New Haven, continuing in the same line. Two years later he sold out this business, and removed to Glastonbury, where he built a store on Colchester avenue, and engaged in a stove and tinware business, a furniture line being added later. After some years he bought the "Thaddeus Wells place" from W. E. Gates, and in 1890 he erected his present business block, the finest in the town of Glastonbury. He is an industrious worker and his pleasant manners have won for him many friends.

Mr. Chapman was married, April 20, 1857, to Miss Ellen Winslow a native of East Hartford, and a daughter of Daniel Winslow, a prominent citizen of that town. Three children have blessed the union: (1) Alice married Alfred A. Welles, a mechanic in Glastonbury; (2) Arthur died young; and (3) Lela married Dr. Julius E. Kinney, of Denver, Colo., a successful specialist in lung and stomach diseases. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, our subject and his wife being active members. Politically Mr. Chapman is a stanch Republican, and at present he is serving as justice of the peace. He is a member of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., also of Elm Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has held offices in both, being District Deputy Grand Master in the I. O. O. F. at the present time.

CHARLES CHAPMAN, a highly-respected resident of Glastonbury, was born April 26, 1843, in a house that stands north of his present home.

Mr. Chapman received a district-school education, while assisting in the work of the home farm, and later he practically took charge of the place, relieving his father from care in his old age. Since the death of the latter he has conducted the farm, devoting his attention, as before, to tobacco culture and general farming. He resides in a house which was occupied by his father as a hotel for many years. His genial disposition is appreciated among a large circle of acquaintances, and socially he is identified with Elm Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., at Glastonbury. In religious belief he is liberal, and in politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, his interest being limited, however, to voting regularly. Mr. Chapman married Miss Henrietta Wright, a native of Glastonbury, and daughter of Charles and Caroline (Foster) Wright. They have children as follows: (1) Robert Azel, born May 24, 1872, was married, on Nov. 30, 1896, to Anna Lee, of Glastonbury, and has one child, Olive, born Nov. 7, 1898; (2) Bertha L., born Sept. 26, 1878; and (3) Lena, born June 5, 1881, are at home.

FREDERICK W. PECK, M. D. If Puritan and early Colonial ancestry mean anything in the achievement of men of the present generation there is every reason why the life of the subject of these lines should be prosperous and successful, for in various lines his ancestry extends back to the times when the eastern shores of the continent were first peopled with earnest, liberty-loving colonists. Achievement has already come to this young physician, not merely in the practice which he has attained in a brief period of time but in the acquirement of a thorough medical education by his own unaided efforts.

Dr. Peck is eighth in the line of descent from Deacon Paul Peck, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts, and about 1635 came with Thomas Hooker from that Colony to Connecticut, and settled at Hartford. The old Peck homestead was located just back of the capitol. The line of descent comes through (2) Samuel Peck, (3) Samuel Peck and (4) Zebulon Peck to the latter's son Lament Peck, the great-grandfather of our subject. Zebulon Peck settled at Bristol and there Lament Peck was born. The latter was a farmer, and became one of the largest landowners of the town. He married Rachel Tracy, of Marlboro, who bore him six sons and three daughters, as follows: Richard, Tracy, Epaphroditus, Nehemiah, James Ghoram, Neoman, Sally (who married Captain Bunnell), Susanna (Mrs. Sylvester Rich, of Bristol) and Rachel (Mrs. Israel Russell, of Middletown).

Nehemiah Peck, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1793 at Bristol, Conn. He followed farming through life, and like his father became an extensive landholder. He married Miss Martha Scoville, daughter of Seeley Scoville, of Plymouth, descendants of the Waterbury Scovilles. To Nehemiah and Martha Peck were born eight children, as follows: James, who died in infancy; Mary, who married Charles Shumway; Nehemiah, deceased; James G., father of our subject; David Brainard, formerly colonel of the Seventh Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and now residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Susan, who died young; Sarah Bunnell, who married Percey Rice, of Cleve-

land, Ohio; and William Henry Harrison, born in 1841, captain in the 7th Vt. V. I. Nehemiah Peck, father of this family, in addition to his agricultural interests seized the meager commercial and manufacturing opportunities of his day, and made frequent trips to the South, selling clocks. He was a thrifty man, and one of the substantial citizens of Bristol, noted among other things for his accurate and extensive geographical knowledge. He died in 1861, aged sixty-eight years, surviving his wife twelve years.

James G. Peck, father of Dr. Peck, was born May 28, 1831, at Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y. When six years old he settled with his parents in North Haven and thence came in 1843 to New Britain. He was educated in that city, and also attended the schools in Hartford and Williston for a short time. His school days ended when he was twenty years of age, but not his education, for he has not only learned the practical lessons of life but has dipped constantly into books and current literature, and thus become one of the well-informed men on all matters of public interest. He was reared a farmer, but, acquiring the trade of house carpenter, has followed same for over thirty years. From 1852 to 1861 he lived in the western part of Illinois, but since that time has been a resident of New Britain. Inheriting Whig political predilections from his father, he voted for General Scott, and has been a Republican since the organization of that party in 1856. He is a member of the Congregational Church of New Britain. Mr. Peck married Rebecca Smalley Clark, who was born in February, 1832, and died Dec. 30, 1891. She was a daughter of Dan and Mary (Whittlesey) Clark, and both lines of her ancestry extend back to the beginning of American history. The paternal line descends from John Clark, one of the earliest emigrants from Scotland to America, and the line comprises (2) John Clark, of Berlin, Conn., (3) John Clark, (4) Dan Clark, (5) Mathew Clark, (6) Dan Clark, and (7) Rebecca Smalley Clark. The maternal ancestry of Rebecca S. (Clark) Peck is as follows: (1) John Whittlesey, (2) John Whittlesey, (3) Eliphalet Whittlesey, (4) Eliphalet Whittlesey, (5) Eliphalet Whittlesey, (6) David Whittlesey, (7) Mary (Whittlesey) Clark and (8) Rebecca S. (Clark) Peck. Mary (Wittlesey) Clark was the granddaughter of Rev. John Smalley. Dan Clark, father of Mrs. Rebecca S. (Clark) Peck, was a prominent citizen of Hartford county. He was a colonel of militia, and quite eminent in military circles. He was a farmer by occupation, and later in life removed to Boone county, Iowa. To James G. and Rebecca S. (Clark) Peck were born four children: Charles Scoville, Martha Elizabeth, James Stanley (a hardware merchant of New Haven), and Frederick W., subject of this sketch.

Frederick W. Peck was born in New Britain Oct. 28, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of New Britain, finishing the prescribed course at the age of seventeen years, and at once entered the shops of Landers, Frary & Clark, where he served an apprenticeship of four years at the pattern maker's trade. He then worked at Corbin's for more than five years. During the period of about ten years which he thus spent at his trade Dr. Peck was a constant student of mechanics, and became proficient in all branches of the mechanical arts which had reference to his trade. But he determined to practice the healing art, and diligently set himself to perfect his preparation for that profession. He attended the New York Homeopathic College for two years, and then spent one year in the University at Cleveland, from which he was graduated in 1897. He has supplemented his professional education with a summer course at Long Island.

In April, 1897, after receiving his diploma, Dr. Peck began practice at New Britain, and he has since met with most gratifying success. If self-education is the best, the most lasting and thorough, and there is good reason for believing that it is, the success of Dr. Peck carries with it a sufficient explanation. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, and of the Connecticut Homeopathic Society. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Peck married Miss Sarah Babbitt, a daughter of Herbert Babbitt, of Morris, Conn., and they have one son, James F., born Dec. 19, 1899.

CARROLL LIVINGSTON DUDLEY. This versatile, successful and well-known business man of East Berlin has inherited from his father a capacity for work and the management of enterprises, but has devoted his attention largely to milling, in which line he has won deserved distinction, gained by a thorough and comprehensive mastery of its details.

Julius Dudley, the father, was born in 1804, and was one of the political, social and commercial leaders in East Berlin a generation ago. Possessing an active temperament, and an aptitude for business affairs, he managed for a time a vessel trade between the coasts of New Jersey and New York. For a time he operated a tannery. In politics he was in ante-bellum days an unswerving Democrat, but when the smoldering fires of civil war broke out he espoused the principles of the Republican party. He was county surveyor from Killingworth, and for two sessions represented the town in the State Legislature. He was a brigadier-general in the Connecticut State militia, commanding the New Haven and New London companies. He married Jerusha Stevens, and both are buried in Wilcox cemetery, East Berlin.

Carroll Livingston Dudley, our subject, was born at Killingworth Aug. 23, 1843. He received his early education in the schools of New Brunswick, N. J., to which city the parents removed when he was four years of age, later attending a

private school on Staten Island. At the age of sixteen Mr. Dudley began work in his father's tannery and leather works at Durham, Conn., where he remained about a year. He then started for himself a gristmill at Durham, which he operated for a year or longer. With that experience he came to Berlin and leased the old Beckley gristmill, in the Beckley Quarter, which he managed for about two years. Removing to East Berlin, he purchased the J. & E. North gristmill, in that city, and has operated it continuously ever since, in connection therewith operating also a jobbing blacksmith shop. Mr. Dudley in 1892 purchased property from F. C. Wilcox, on Main street, East Berlin, and also owns seventeen acres of land adjoining his home. He takes pleasure in farming as a diversion from what has been his long and successful career as a miller.

Mr. Dudley married Miss Julia Isabelle Dickenson, daughter of Ferdinand Dickenson, of Berlin. He and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Berlin. In politics he is a stanch supporter of Republican principles, but he is not a politician in the sense of seeking office or of participating actively in the political affairs of the town. He is a member of Mattabessett Lodge, No. 25, K. of P., of East Berlin, and also a prominent member of R. O. Clark Uniformed Rank, K. of P., officiating as captain of the latter organization in 1897-98, and filling offices in the K. of P. lodge. He is a prosperous business man, and deserves individual credit for his success, for financial reverses which befell his father in later years compelled our subject to begin his business career penniless, and to carve out his future for himself.

EDWARD F. PARSONS, M. D., has occupied a conspicuous position in civil life as well as in the circle of his profession for nearly forty years, and he has never been found wanting, in either the public spirit to advocate beneficial changes, or the ability to carry his projects to a successful end.

The Doctor is descended, on both paternal and maternal sides, from the best of that sturdy stock which has given New England birth and New England training a significance in itself a recommendation of good citizenship and high mental and moral qualities, and his successful career as a physician has given new distinction to a name already honored throughout the State of Connecticut, and specially in Hartford county. Philip Parsons, the first of whom we have record, was born in Massachusetts, and came to Enfield, Conn., when seventeen years old. His fourth son, Nathaniel Parsons, was the Doctor's great-grandfather. He married Alice Collins, who was of the fourth generation in direct descent from Gov. Bradford, and a daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Alice (Adams) Collins, the former the first Congregational clergyman who settled in Enfield. Their son, Shubael Parsons, married Lucy Pease, and they had a son, Eben, who was the father of our subject. Shubael and Eben Parsons both followed the wheelwright's trade. Eben Parsons married Maria Raynolds Parsons, and through her the Doctor is also descended from old Congregational stock, her great-grandfather, Rev. Peter Raynolds, having been the second pastor of the First Congregational Church of Enfield. He came hither in 1725, being the first of the name to settle in the town, and made his home in Enfield until his death, in 1766. Mrs. Maria Raynolds Parsons traced her ancestry from Capt. Nathaniel Raynolds, the first American ancestor, through Capt. Peter, Rev. Peter, Peter and Capt. Samuel.

Edward Field Parsons was born Nov. 21, 1833, in Enfield. At the age of thirteen years he went to Farmington, this county, where he prepared for college in the private school of Simeon and Edward L. Hart, in 1850 matriculating at Williams College, from which institution he was graduated in 1854. He commenced the study of medicine June 15, 1855, at Saint Johnsbury, Vt., and was graduated in 1858 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, having attended lectures one year at Dartmouth College, one year at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and one year at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. The first six years of his professional life were spent in New York City, whence in 1864 he returned to Hartford county, making his home in Thompsonville, where he has remained to the present day. Dr. Parsons' abilities and learning, no less than the skill which he has shown in the active duties of his calling, have made him prominent among the successful physicians of the period, and he now stands among the most prominent members of the profession in his county and State.

Though thoroughly devoted to his life work, Dr. Parsons has nevertheless kept in touch with the various lines of progress in which intelligent minds are interested, and he has found time to serve his fellow citizens in different capacities, his ability proving no less valuable when exercised in matters of public welfare than it has in his private affairs. For twenty-five years he was a member of the board of school visitors of Thompsonville, public education being a special object of his attention and care, and it was no doubt due, in part at least, to his influence that the town of Enfield voted to consolidate the school districts, as he was an enthusiastic champion of the town management of the schools. In 1887 he was honored with election to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and during his term served on the committee on Insurance. In professional connection the Doctor is a member of the American Medical Association, and of the Connecticut State Medical Society, and socially he unites with the Temple of Honor. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Thompsonville, of which he is an active member and an elder.

Dr. Parsons has been thrice married. In 1860 he wedded Miss Mary H. Bowman, daughter of Col. Amory H. Bowman, of New Braintree, Mass., and,

she dying in 1875, he married, for his second wife, in 1876, Miss Ella Bates, of Worcester, Mass. Her death occurred in August, 1879, and in 1881 he married Miss Margaret J. Harrison, daughter of William and Isabella Harrison, of New York City.

EMERSON ELIHU OLCOTT. The career of this well-known resident of Glastonbury affords an excellent example in industry and enterprise, as he started in life without capital, and has attained substantial success.

Among the first settlers of the town of Hartford was Thomas Olcott, an Englishman. Well-educated, and bringing with him the ripe experience and substantial rewards gained in years of mercantile business in England, he was well fitted to assist in the building up of the commerce of the new colony, and as a dealer in furs established an extensive and profitable trade. On arriving in America he spent some time in Massachusetts, visiting the various seaboard settlements, and residing last in Newtown (now Cambridge). The advantages of this section were apparent to his far-sighted judgment, and he located permanently in Hartford, purchasing from Edward Hopkins the lot now occupied by the "American Hotel," on the east side of the Public Square, fronting on Main street, and bounded on the other sides by Pearl, Trumbull and Asylum streets. The title was transferred to him by Edward Hopkins, to whom it was given in the original distribution of land in the town, and remained for many generations in the possession of the Olcott family. Thomas Olcott died in 1654, when about forty-five years of age, leaving three sons and two daughters. His wife Abigail died May 26, 1693, aged seventy-eight years, and was interred May 29, following. Their children were as follows: Thomas, Samuel, John (baptized Feb. 3, 1649), Elizabeth (baptized Dec. 7, 1649) and Hannah.

(II) Thomas Olcott, of Hartford, son of Thomas, the pioneer, is supposed to have been living in 1719. His wife Mary survived him, and died May 3, 1721, at Windsor, Conn. They had the following children: Abigail, who died March 14, 1688, at Springfield, Mass., while on a visit to relatives; Mary; Thomas; Samuel, who died May 10, 1696; and John, who was drowned in the river while bathing.

(III) Thomas Olcott, third in the line of descent, was born in 1712, and died in 1788. He married an attractive young woman named Phœbe who survived him many years, dying at Canton, Conn., in 1814. By this marriage there were eight children: Isaac, Thomas, Abel, Phineas, Isaiah, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Rachel.

(IV) Isaac Olcott, our subject's great-grandfather, was born at New Hartford, Conn., in 1762. On March 10, 1778, he enlisted in the Revolutionary army, where he served for four years under the following officers: Capt. Herman Robinson, Col. Swift, Capt. Not, Capt. Smith, and Gen. Waterbury. He took part in the skirmish at Putnam's Steps, and was probably an eye-witness to Putnam's ride down the steps. On May 6, 1833, he made application for a pension, but the claim was not allowed until after his death, which occurred April 23, 1834. He married the widow of Elihu Smith, and had only one child, Isaiah.

(V) Isaiah Olcott, our subject's grandfather, was born in Glastonbury in July, 1799. He was one of the first pilots on the Connecticut river, and was on the "Oliver Ellsworth" when that vessel blew up. In his later years he was employed in the Curtis factory, the last year of his life being spent in retirement. On Feb. 3, 1830, he married Julia Waterman, daughter of Jahez and Anna Waterman, and they had four children: (1) Isaac Isaiah, a well-known resident of Glastonbury (to whom we are indebted for much of this information), born Sept. 11, 1831, married Ellen E. Risley, of Madison county, N. Y. (2) Jahez Waterman, born Nov. 6, 1823, married Louis Ferguson; they had one son, Isaac Waterman, a very bright and promising young man, who was instructor of manual training at the school at Norwich at the time of his death, June 1, 1894. (3) Elihu Smith, born Sept. 13, 1835, is mentioned below. (4) George Henry, the youngest son, born Nov. 7, 1837, died in 1856.

(VI) Elihu Smith Olcott, our subject's father, was born Sept. 13, 1835, in Naubuc, Conn., in the house now occupied by Isaac Olcott. He received a common-school education in an old frame building since replaced by a brick structure. After leaving school he was employed by the Curtis Manufacturing Co. in various capacities until his enlistment in August, 1862, in Company G, Twenty-fifth Connecticut Volunteers. Under command of Capt. Charles Talcott, and Col. George Bissell, president of the bank that bore his name, they first went into camp at Hartford, later proceeding to Long Island, where they remained until December. They then went on a steam vessel to New Orleans, and after encamping a short time above that city they wintered at Baton Rouge. In the following March they moved toward Port Hudson, where they lost the first man in their regiment in a picket skirmish. Later they marched to Donaldsonville and then to Red River, fighting on the way a spirited battle at Irish Bend, in which they were victorious. For forty-five days they were at Port Hudson, the city being under continued bombardment, and after the surrender, which took place July 8, 1863, they returned by boat to Donaldsonville. The Rebels were endeavoring to fortify, but they dislodged them. They then started for Hartford, where Elihu Olcott was mustered out Aug. 26, 1863, his time having expired. Returning to Glastonbury, he has since been almost continuously in the employ of the Curtis Manufacturing Co., now known as the Williams Manufacturing Co.

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On Nov. 29, 1855, Mr. Olcott married Miss Jane Adams, who was born in 1831. She is the adopted daughter of Russell and Mercy M. (Griswold) Adams, the former a miller and farmer of South Wethersfield. Four children were born of this union: (1) Emma G. (deceased), born Dec. 13, 1856, married Perkins C. Bennett, now a resident of Providence, R. I.; (2) Emerson E. is mentioned more fully below; (3) Harry E., born July 21, 1869, is mentioned elsewhere; and (4) Frank L., born Jan. 15, 1872, died Sept, 12, 1892, and was buried in Glastonbury.

Emerson E. Olcott was born Dec. 7, 1859, in Naubuc, and during his early years attended the common and select schools of the locality, working in the long summer vacations to pay his expenses. On leaving school he became a burnisher in the American Sterling Co.'s shops, at Naubuc, his father being the overseer in that department at the time. The work was paid for "by the piece," and our subject's industry enabled him to make excellent wages. After a short time he went to Wallingford to take a position in the shop of Wallace & Sons. On returning to Glastonbury he worked at various occupations, and in 1886, having saved his earnings carefully, he bought four or five acres of land, upon which he built his present residence. This tract formed the nucleus for his farm of fourteen acres, where he now carries on general farming and a stone quarry on the place also promises well as an investment. After the fire of 1894 destroyed a business block in Glastonbury, he purchased the land and built a store, which he opened in 1895 with a stock of groceries. He and his brother Harry E. conducted this business in partnership until 1898, when our subject withdrew, preferring to give his attention to agriculture and the management of his quarry, in connection with which he keeps several truck teams constantly employed in hauling stone. Mr. Olcott is a Republican in politics, and has served as first selectman two years (1894-95), and was second selectman in 1896. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Elm Lodge, No. 53, has held offices in the same, and is also a member of Monitor Council, No. 62, O. U. A. M. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Glastonbury, and the family takes an active interest in church work.

On May 29, 1878, Mr. Olcott was married to Miss Queria Bidwell, daughter of Ambrose and Jane (Chapman) Bidwell, natives of Glastonbury. The children born to this union are: Lena, who was married Nov. 28, 1899, to George Afflick, of Glastonbury; Bertha, Willard and Ethel, at home; Leslie, who died April 28, 1898; and Raymond, at home.

WILL P. LANDON, chief clerk of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., with headquarters at East Hartford, was born in Hopkinton, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1858, and is a son of Daniel and Caroline M. (Phelps) Landon, descendants of old Colonial families, and on the paternal side of Welsh extraction. Daniel Landon, the great-great-grandfather, was born in 1736, lived in Litchfield county, Conn., and was a grandson of James Landon, the progenitor of the family in America. The great-grandfather of our subject went to Lansdowne, Canada, and reared a large family, of whom Samuel lived to reach adult years.

Samuel Landon, grandfather of our subject, married Elizabeth Bradley, a native of County Carlow, Ireland. The Bradley family were Orangemen, and the father of Elizabeth, who was an officer of dragoons in Ireland, came to Canada, where he had charge of a gentleman's estate. Samuel Landon was a contractor, and while engaged in building a bridge at Lansdowne, one of his men failing to do work to his liking, he seized hold of a timber to lift, and sustained injuries that resulted in his death. His children were five in number: Joshua, who went to Minnesota, where all trace of him was lost; Edward, who was reared in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and died in West Hartford, Conn., in 1896; Daniel, father of our subject; Mary J., who was married to Henry Bradley, and died in Canada; and Lucinda, who was married to George DeLong, of Watertown, N. Y., and there died.

Daniel Landon, father of our subject, was born March 30, 1832, in Lansdowne, Ontario, Canada, and was educated in the common schools of his native town. He learned shoemaking, and about the time he was twenty-one years old located in Hopkinton, N. Y., worked awhile as a journeyman, and then engaged in trade for himself. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 106th N. Y. V. I., but before the regiment left for the front he was promoted from private to corporal, and then to sergeant. He participated in eleven battles, and at Monocacy, Md., July 9, 1864, he was shot through and through, but thought himself hit by a spent ball only. While kneeling to load his rifle, he was a second time shot through and through, the ball barely missing the jugular vein. He was sent to the Jarvis hospital, at Baltimore. When sufficiently recovered to move about he was assigned to duty in the convalescent hospital, and in April, 1865, was granted a furlough home. Here he was taken worse, the furlough was extended, and he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, but was not assigned to any company. As he was the senior officer of his company when he was shot—it had been so riddled—a lieutenant's commission was awaiting him on his return, but he was not able to get back before the war closed. He engaged in farming. His death took place April 23, 1879; for eleven years he had suffered from hemorrhage of the lungs, but his great will-power prolonged his life. In politics Daniel Landon was a stanch Republican, and at different times filled such offices as justice of the peace, constable and collector. Fraternally he was a Freemason, and in religion a Congregationalist.

The marriage of Mr. Landon to Miss Caroline M. Phelps took place at Hopkinton, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1852. Miss Phelps was born in that town Sept. 21, 1832, a daughter of William S. and Laura (Palmer) Phelps. Laura Palmer was a daughter of Richard S. Palmer, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, was a Baptist clergyman, and was the first settled minister of that denomination in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. William S. Phelps was born in Orwell, Vt., and was a son of Jacob and Lucy (Webster) Phelps, the latter of whom lived to the great age of ninety-six years. Jacob Phelps was a native of Pittsfield, Mass., and was the first to locate in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. His father, Elnathan Phelps, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and had served in the French and Indian wars. Elnathan was a son of William, who, in turn, was a son of William, who was a son of Nathaniel, who settled in Northfield, Mass., and was a son of William, who came from England in 1630, and to Windsor, Conn., in 1635, and here died in 1672.

The children born to Daniel and Caroline M. Landon numbered six, as follows: Herbert, born March 9, 1853, is a farmer in Stockholm, N. Y.; Ella, born in September, 1855, is now Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Hartford, Conn.; Will P. is the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, born in April, 1862, is unmarried, and resides in Buffalo, N. Y.; Lucy, born in January, 1870, is married to William A. Driscoll, of Parkville, Conn.; and Raymond D., born June 6, 1872, resides in Hartford. The mother of this family also resides in Hartford, and is a member of the Congregational Church. She is a remarkably well-preserved lady, and to her retentive memory the publishers are indebted for many of the facts here given, in relation to the early history of the Landon and Phelps families.

Will P. Landon attended the district schools of his native town until twelve years of age, and was then employed at hard work on his father's farm, as the ill health of the father precluded his doing much work, although he had relinquished his trade and resorted to farming, in the vain hope that outdoor life would prove a remedy for the disorder resulting from his wounds—hemorrhage of the lungs. At the age of sixteen years young Landon entered a store in the town as clerk, passed two years in this employment, and then returning to the farm continued to work thereon until his father's death. After this he entered a drug store in Canton, N. Y., and after clerking a short time went out as a traveling salesman for the Thatcher Drug Co., of Potsdam, N. Y., but as this business did not agree with him he relinquished it at the end of eight months. He then for a time lived with an uncle, L. D. Atwood, on a farm.

In June, 1881, Mr. Landon was joined in matrimony with Miss Mena Cooper, of Massena Springs, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., and began housekeeping in Hopkinton. Soon after this happy event he was employed as clerk at the "Hatfield Hotel," at Massena Springs, and later at a mill in Parishville, in the same county, whence he came to Connecticut. Here he was employed as clerk for Henry T. Hart, of Burnside, Hartford county, and in every position thus held he constantly enhanced his reputation as a reliable and competent bookkeeper.

In October, 1887, Mr. Landon entered the employ of the New England Railway Co., as clerk, this being the year when the company's shops were erected at East Hartford, and he has ever since held the confidence of the managers. Although the directorship has changed several times, he has been retained each administration, and no better evidence of his ability can be cited than this fact, and the fact that, in July, 1894, he was appointed chief clerk—his present position.

In 1893 Mr. Landon erected an elegant home on Burnside avenue, East Hartford, but subsequently sold this and purchased another on the same avenue—his present residence. Fraternally Mr. Landon is a member of Orient Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Sonquasson Tribe, of Red Men, of Hartford; he was a member of Lincoln Lodge, K. P., of Hartford, but later became a charter member of Elm Lodge, K. P., of East Hartford, and is also a charter member of LaFayette Council, O. U. A. M., of the same town. In religion he is an Episcopalian, and in politics a Republican, in the success of which party he takes a keen interest. Socially he mingles with the best circles of Hartford and East Hartford, and enjoys the esteem of all with whom he meets in this respect, as well as that of the public in general. He is fond of a good horse and keeps a good driver, and delights in "caring for his own horse." He has made his own way through life from the age of twelve years, and is well entitled to the high esteem in which he is held.

WILLIS FRANK ROCKWELL, one of the oldest business men in the State of Connecticut, was born in the town of Wintonburg Jan. 1, 1827, a son of Joel and Monimee (Pinney) Rockwell.

Joel S. Rockwell, grandfather of Willis F., was a native of Scotland, but early came to Connecticut and became a farmer at Wapping, Hartford county, married a Miss Ladd, of Scottish ancestry, and passed the remainder of his life on his farm.

Joel Rockwell, son of Joel S. and father of Willis F., was born at Wapping, where he lived until seven years of age, from that time until he reached his majority residing with a family named Harding, in Granville, Mass. He then took up a tract of land in Ohio, on which he lived one year only. On returning to Connecticut he engaged in the retail butcher trade, and also owned a farm of 200 acres. He married, in Bloomfield, Monimee (Pinney) Clark, widow of Joel Clark, by whom she had one child, Delia Clark. To the marriage of Joel and Monimee Rockwell were born seven children, in the following order: Joel C., now in Florida; Willis Frank, the subject of this sketch; O. P.,

John Scott and John C., all three deceased; George L., in the real-estate business at Providence, R. I.; and Alice Z., deceased. Mr. Rockwell was a Whig in politics, and died on his farm in 1867, at the age of seventy-two years.

Willis F. Rockwell was educated in the Old Farm district of Bloomfield, and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield. He then served a five years apprenticeship at carriage making with Anson H. Porter, at Bloomfield Center, after which he engaged in the same business on his own account in Tariffville. But within two weeks he was taken sick, and while thus confined his shop was destroyed by fire. He then went into the retail meat business in the Washington market at Hartford City, at which he continued nineteen years, after which he engaged in the same line, in the wholesale trade, and is now the oldest butcher and dealer in meats in New England, and, to show the extent of his trade, it may be mentioned that, in 1897, of sheep alone he slaughtered upward of ten thousand.

Mr. Rockwell was united in marriage, in Bloomfield, April 12, 1849, with Miss Catharine N. Filley, daughter of Haskell H. Filley, and this marriage has been graced with four children, born in the following order: Frank D. is a salesman for Ingerman Swift, in the wholesale meat business, and is married to Miss E. A. Clark; Willis E. married Miss O. E. Kenyon, and has been blessed with two children—Willis K. and Percy; Kate G. is the wife of David S. Hall, and has one child—Frank D.; and Ida M., born Aug. 5, 1863 (who died when five months old).

Willis F. Rockwell is master of Hiram Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M. at Bloomfield, and has been a member of the fraternity for thirty-four years. He is also a member of Bloomfield Grange, P. of H. In politics he was first a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks, and by this party has been elected a member of the board of education, and the board of relief. Socially he stands very high in the esteem of the community in which he has passed so many years of a long and useful life.

LEONIDAS D. CHANDLER, who, as a farmer, tobacco grower, legislator, and one of the foremost public-spirited citizens of South Windsor, has won a reputation of high degree and evinced a character of many sterling qualities, possesses those elements of enterprise and industry which constitute the ground work of American life. As an adventurous pioneer in the western country, and as a gallant soldier during the Civil war, he displayed those admirable traits which lead to recognition and distinction.

Mr. Chandler was born in the town of East Hartford, near Burnside, Oct. 14, 1836, son of Charles M. and Mary (Vibert) Chandler. His father was a native of Franklin, N. H., who when a young man removed from that State to Hartford county, Conn., and there married. By trade he was a papermaker. To Charles M. and Mary Chandler were born three children: Leonidas D., our subject; Rose, who died in infancy; and Harriet, wife of Charles M. Pelton, of East Hartford.

Our subject was seven years old when his father died, and at ten he began working out on neighboring farms, attending school during the winter months. His education, however, was not neglected, for besides attending the common schools he was a student for a time at the East Windsor Hill Seminary. In 1857, when he attained his majority, he went West and for two years remained at Olmsted, Harrison Co., Iowa. In the spring of 1859 he drove three yoke of oxen from Iowa to Colorado. He entered the mountains and located on Clear creek, where he engaged in prospecting and mining, and the following winter returned to Iowa, making the journey the same way he came, by ox-team. In Iowa he remained until July 4, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, 4th Iowa V. I. He was mustered into the service at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Proceeding to St. Louis the regiment was stationed for a time at Jefferson Barracks, guarding the railroad. Proceeding to Raleigh, Mo., the 4th Iowa there went into winter quarters. In January, 1862, it moved to Springfield, and Mr. Chandler participated soon after in the sharp engagement at Pea Ridge. He marched through the country to Helena, Ark., where a slight engagement occurred. Proceeding down the river to Milliken's Bend, the regiment was attached to the 15th Army Corps under Sherman, and participated in the battle of Arkansas Post. The next engagement of our subject was at Port Gibson, then at Jackson, Miss. Returning, he was present at the siege of Vicksburg, and was also engaged in a number of skirmishes. At Chickasaw Bayou, Dec. 29, 1862, he was wounded. He was honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Sept. 16, 1863.

Returning to South Windsor, the young soldier engaged in farming. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Celia M. King, daughter of Benoni O. and Lucinda (Sadd) King, of South Windsor. To Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have been born three children: Grace, wife of Harry S. Powers, of South Windsor; Charles V.; and Fred L., at home.

Mr. Chandler owns about forty acres, most of which is fine tobacco land, located about six miles from Hartford, and tobacco growing is his chief occupation at present. Mr. Chandler is a Republican in politics, and one of the leading spirits of his party in South Windsor; for many years has been a member of the Republican committee. In 1879 he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and in 1898 he was elected registrar of South Windsor. Socially he is a member of Rodman Post, No. 65, G. A. R., at East Hartford; Evergreen Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M., at the same place; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., and Wolcott Council, of Hartford. Mr. Chandler is a member of

the Army and Navy Club of Hartford, and since 1869 has been a member of the Veteran Foot Guard of Hartford.

HON. HENRY D. BARNARD, one of the oldest and best-known residents of North Bloomfield, was born at his present home Aug. 11, 1828, and is a descendant of one of the most ancient families of New England.

Sergeant Joseph Barnard, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was supposed to have descended from Francis Barnard, who came to America from Ipswich, England, in the ship "Francis," in 1634. The place and date of birth of Sergt. Joseph Barnard are unknown, as well as place and date of death, but it is on record that he married Abigail Griswold Oct. 4, 1705, and that she died in 1747, the mother of six children: Sarah, born Sept. 23, 1706; Joseph, March 19, 1708; Ebenezer, Sept. 8, 1710; Ann, Feb. 28, 1712; David, Nov. 3, 1714; Francis, Sept. 9, 1719.

Francis Barnard, great-grandfather of Henry Dwight Barnard, was born in Windsor, Conn., at the date above named, removed to Simsbury, Conn., and was the father of twelve children, born in the following order: Francis; Lucretia, Nov. 11, 1743; Lydia, Feb. 23, 1746; Irana, Oct. 23, 1747; Moses and Aaron, Dec. 12, 1750; Elizabeth and Sarah, in 1755; Ebenezer, Sept. 12, 1757; Samuel, March 9, 1759; Elihu, May 28, 1762; and Caroline, April 22, 1765. The name of the mother of this family is not given, nor dates of marriage and death.

Francis Barnard, grandfather of our subject, was born within the present limits of Bloomfield, Conn., here passed his life in farming, and died about 1830. He was thrice married, (first) to Elizabeth Phelps, (second) to Chloe Mills, and (third) to Diodema Brown. To his first marriage were born Oliver and Elizabeth; to his second were born Chloe, Charlotte, George (father of our subject), Ira, Asa, Harriet, Francis and Rhoda.

George Barnard, father of Henry D. Barnard, was born in what is now the town of Bloomfield Feb. 22, 1785, learned the blacksmith's trade with Joshua Latham, and this, together with farming, was his life-long occupation. He married, Oct. 15, 1805, Miss Sally Higley, who was born Nov. 30, 1785, and this union was blessed with twelve children as follows: George A., July 23, 1806, died Aug. 10, 1808; Caroline, Dec. 29, 1807, died March 4, 1816; George A. (2), Aug. 7, 1809, died March 26, 1885; Harriet, Feb. 23, 1811, died March 29, 1896; Chloe, March 29, 1814, died Oct. 8, 1830; Carlos, Aug. 1, 1816, died March 5, 1817; Caroline (2), Jan. 9, 1818, died Jan. 8, 1852; Amelia C. (now Mrs. Smith, of Buffalo, N. Y.), Feb. 20, 1820; Elizabeth, Sept. 29, 1821, died July 2, 1851; James, Oct. 21, 1823, died Oct. 19, 1839; Mary A., March 17, 1826, now wife of S. B. Newberry, of Bloomfield, Conn., and mother of two children—Charles C. and Annette Goodwin; and Henry D., whose name opens this sketch. The father of this family was called away April 19, 1863, a deacon of the East Granby Baptist Church, and was followed to the grave by his wife Nov. 20, 1870.

Hon. Henry D. Barnard was educated in the district school of North Bloomfield, and at the high school in Simsbury. On Nov. 22, 1857, he married, at East Granby, Miss Sophia R. Alderman, daughter of Irijah Bissell and Anice (Rockwell) Alderman. Mrs. Barnard was born Sept. 29, 1832, and died Dec. 7, 1876, the mother of six children, viz.: Amelia S., born Nov. 23, 1858, died July 16, 1880; Mary E., born May 9, 1861, died Aug. 25, 1887; George, born March 5, 1863, died March 28, 1890; William H., born June 18, 1865, died at the home of his father Feb. 4, 1900; Ira, born July 30, 1869, and Alice, born March 9, 1872. The living children are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Barnard has passed all his active days in farming, and has been quite prominent in local politics and the management of the affairs of his town. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Legislature on the Democratic ticket and took an active part in the proceedings of that body, and he has also served as assessor of his town, in which office he has given indisputable satisfaction.

CLARK ALLEN COREY, whose sudden death is still fresh in the minds of his fellow citizens, was one of the honored and highly esteemed residents of the town of Suffield, Hartford county. He was born May 3, 1826, in Lanesboro, Berkshire Co., Mass., and belonged to an old New England family of English descent.

Abel Corey, his grandfather, was a native of Rhode Island, where he was reared, thence when a young man removing to Hancock, Berkshire Co., Mass., where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church. In his family were ten children: Otheonile, Millie, Catherine, Clark, Hamilton, Harty, Thomas, Freeburn, Elsie and Amy, all of whom lived and died in Hancock with the exception of Clark, the father of our subject.

Clark Corey was born in Hancock, Mass., and grew to manhood upon his father's farm, his education being acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood. On leaving the parental roof he engaged in farming on his own account near Lanesboro, Mass., where he remained until 1830, and later followed the same occupation at Washington, that State, but the last few years of his life were spent at Pittsfield, where he owned a small farm. He died there, and his remains were interred at Washington. Politically he was first a stanch Whig and later a Republican, and always took quite an active and influential part in local affairs, filling a number of offices, such as selectman, etc. He was a true Christian gentleman, and a faithful member of the Congregational Church. In Hancock he married Miss Sarah Allen, a native of Stephentown,

N. Y., and to them were born four children: Daniel, deceased; Mary Ann, who married Nathan Clark (both died in Suffield); Clark Allen, our subject; and Elsie, deceased wife of Albert Mecum, of Becket, Mass. The mother, who was also a consistent member of the Congregational Church, died in Washington, Mass., and was buried there. For his second wife the father married Olivette J. Herrick, by whom he had three children: Ann Maria, deceased wife of Jonathan Bidwell, of Bloomfield, Conn.; William H., who died in infancy; and Ellen, wife of D. W. Thrall, of Hartford. The mother of this family was also a member of the Congregational Church. She died at the home of her daughter, in Bloomfield, being laid to rest in Bloomfield Centre.

Clark A. Corey, whose name introduces this sketch, was only four years old when taken by his parents to Washington, Mass., and in the district schools of that locality he obtained his education. During his minority he remained upon his father's farm, and on starting out in life to make his own way in the world he found employment with Jones Rudd, a lumberman and general dealer of Becket, Mass., with whom he remained for several years, or until that gentleman's death. Of an ambitious nature, he succeeded in working his way upward, attaining the position of superintendend of the lumber yard and agent in charge of all the outside business. After Mr. Rudd's death he turned his attention to farming, and as there was but one blacksmith in Becket opened a blacksmith shop, though he had no previous knowledge of the business. Receiving the support of the people of the community, he persevered in his new undertaking, and soon became an expert blacksmith, being considered the best ox-shoer in the country. He was quite proficient in everything pertaining to the business, and successfully followed the same for several years. Later he was interested in the butcher business in partnership with Hope Ames for two years, and then accepted the position of foreman for the firm of Wheeler & Claflin, the latter of whom was afterward governor of Massachusetts. As foreman Mr. Corey was engaged in constructing roads, and preparing foundations for a tanyard in Fulton county, N. Y., having 100 men working under him in cutting timber and preparing the foundations. It was the largest plant of the kind in the county, the yard being 400 feet long, the bark house, 100x40 feet; the dry house, 180x40 feet; the wood house, 100x40 feet; and the leach house, 150x30 feet. After its completion our subject worked in that section, building roads, bridges, dams, etc., and prepared the foundation for a smaller tannery for the same firm, the yard being 250 feet long. He also built seven miles of plank road, and had the entire confidence of his employers and the respect of the men working under him.

In 1870 Mr. Corey came to Suffield, Conn., and bought a tract of eighty acres in West Suffield, known as the Pomeroy farm, on which he made his home until his death. He made many improvements upon the place, and for some time was actively engaged in the cultivation of tobacco, general farming, dairying and stock raising, and raised the well-known stallion, "Harry Morgan, Jr." From the effects of neuralgia and rheumatism he was deprived of the use of his lower limbs for fifteen years before his death, but being dissatisfied with an idle existence he devoted his time to putting in cane bottoms in chairs, etc., as he was a natural mechanic, able to do almost anything in the mechanical line. He was ever a hard worker, a close observer, was temperate in his habits, and very genial in disposition. In early life he was a supporter of the Whig party, and was later a pronounced Republican, but cared nothing for official honors. At one time he was a member of the Know-Nothing party. He was a good Christian man, a member of the Congregational Church, and highly respected by all who knew him. Mr. Corey passed away Nov. 10, 1899, after an illness of only about thirty hours.

On Feb. 4, 1851, in Milford, Mass., Mr. Corey married Miss Clarinda Smith, a native of that place, and a daughter of Obediah Smith. Four children were born to them: James A., a railroad man of Kansas; Jessie, who died young; Effie S., wife of Frederick Scott, of Suffield; and Grace. The wife and mother died in Becket, Mass., in 1862, and was buried there. Mr. Corey was again married, in 1866,his second union being with Mrs. Abby (Keck) Claus, widow of E. Platt Claus, by whom she had three children, two of whom died in infancy; the other, Ida J., is the wife of Charles Washburn, of Westfield, Mass. By his second union Mr. Corey had one child, Annie M., who married Burton M. Gillett, and has one child, Abby Adelia. They live with Mrs. Corey.

Mrs. Abby Corey is a native of Oppenheim, N. Y., and is a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Smith) Keck. Her maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. She is a lady of marked intelligence and refinement, and a good housewife, excelling in cooking and making pickles, jams, preserves, etc., and her home is adorned by many articles made by herself, such as rugs, carpets, etc. In 1899 she entered the garden contest of the New England Homestead Co., and was one of the prize winners. She is also one of the most extensive poultry raisers in the town. Mrs. Corey has been quite successful in canvassing for books, and possesses more than ordinary business ability and sound judgment.

HON. SAMUEL D. DRAKE, formerly representative in the State Legislature from the town of Windsor, is one of the most highly respected residents of that locality, his sound judgment and sturdy independence of thought and action having won the esteem of all classes.

Mr. Drake was born in this county July 9,

1828, at what is now known as Wilson Station, and is the oldest male representative of an old family of Windsor town, now less numerous than formerly. His grandfather, David Drake, Sr., was a farmer near Wilson Station. His first wife died a few years after the birth of their son, David, Jr.

David Drake, Jr., our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead, and became a farmer and brick-maker by occupation. He acquired a fair competence, and had a comfortable home, his children being given a good start in life. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and considered it a duty to cast his ballot at every election. He died at the age of sixty-three, and his wife, Eunice Eggleston, also a native of Windsor town, survived him some years, being seventy years old at her death. Of their five children, the eldest, Elmira, died unmarried, at the age of twenty; Nathan, who died in Hartford, was a merchant tailor by occupation; Oliver, who was engaged in the grocery business in Hartford at the time of his death, was one of the famous "forty-niners," having been a member of O. P. Mills' party, which sailed in February, 1849, for California, via Cape Horn; Samuel D., our subject, was fourth in the order of birth; Olive E., the youngest, is the wife of S. John Mills, of Windsor town.

Among the brightest memories of our subject's early life are his school days in the old Bucktown District school, which had the reputation of being the hardest to govern of any in the town, some teachers being unwilling to undertake the task. Although he joined heartily in the merriment that frequently reigned there, he managed to secure a fair store of knowledge. As a young man he continued to assist his father in farming and brick-making, with which he became familiar in boyhood, and when thirty years old he carried out a long cherished desire to become a railroad man, the sight of a train rushing by having always awakened within him the wish to be upon it. He was first employed as a brakeman on a passenger train on the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad, then running only between Willimantic and Bristol, and after a few months was promoted to the post of baggage-master between Hartford and Providence. As he showed marked aptitude for railroad work it was not long before he was made "extra man," being called on to fill any unexpected vacancy from conductor to agent. For five years he filled this responsible position satisfactorily, and for eighteen years he was passenger conductor, his record as an almost unerring collector of fares being a remarkable one. The high esteem in which he was held by the company was shown by the fact that he was often taken from his regular run and placed in charge of large excursion trains, where his well-proven efficiency would be of especial value. In 1878 his health became somewhat affected, and he left the road, notwithstanding the expressed regret of his employers. As he had purchased his present farm some time previous, he settled down to agricultural work, in which he has now spent about twenty years. A comfortable competence, the result of his own efforts, enables him to enjoy the good things of life, and he owns other property in the town besides his home. He is fond of driving, being an exceptionally good reinsman, and he always has a fine horse or two in his stables. Fishing is another form of recreation in which he takes pleasure, and in former years he often spent his summers at Moosehead Lake, Maine, in order to enjoy that sport. As a stanch Democrat he has done much effective work in local politics, but he is not a strict partisan, and will vote for a good man whatever ticket his name may be on, while his own support is derived from the best people of all parties. For ten years he served as tax collector, and at one time he was elected town clerk, but declined to qualify. In 1883 he was a member of the General Assembly, his able service winning universal approval.

At the age of thirty-three Mr. Drake married Miss Eliza Capen, daughter of Harry Capen, a well-known citizen of Windsor, and since locating at their present home they have taken a prominent place in the social life of the town. Both are members of the Episcopal Church, in which our subject is a vestryman, and for some time he had charge of the sale of seats. Fraternally he is identified with St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., at Hartford.

ELIHU NORMAN SHEPARD, an old-time and well-known citizen of Bloomfield, was born April 1, 1821, in the town of Farmington, just across the road from his present residence. He traces his maternal genealogy to George and Elizabeth (Watts) Hubbard, the former of whom was born in the eastern part of England in 1601, and whose name appears on the records of Hartford, Conn., in 1639, he having come hither overland from Boston, in 1635 or 1636, and having here married Elizabeth Watts, in 1640.

Elihu Norman Shepard has passed his entire life in the towns of Farmington, Windsor and Bloomfield without removing from the home farm. His father, Elihu Shepard, was born on the Bloomfield portion of this farm in 1794, and died March 8, 1873. He married, Oct. 20, 1818, Mary Hubbard, a lineal descendant of the George and Elizabeth (Watts) Hubbard, alluded to in the preceding paragraph. Mary Hubbard was a daughter of Dosethius and Tamar (Hitchcock) Hubbard; Dosethius was a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Cadwell) Hubbard; Nathaniel was a son of John and Agnes Spencer (Humphreys) Hubbard; John was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Kirby) Hubbard, and Samuel was a son of George and Elizabeth (Watts) Hubbard, the founders of this family in Connecticut.

To Elihu and Mary (Hubbard) Shepard were born seven children, namely: Mary J., born Oct. 22, 1819, and married to Martin B. Holcomb; Elihu Norman, the subject proper of this sketch; Alma Melissa, born Dec. 25, 1822, and married to William Whiting, of South Willington; Laura Maria, born Nov. 6, 1824, died Dec. 30, 1833; Weltham, born Jan. 11, 1830, died Sept. 26, 1830; Theron, of Hartford, born June 6, 1832, and Maria, who was born Nov. 23, 1833, and died May 31, 1839. The mother of this family, who was born Aug. 17, 1798, died Dec. 19, 1882.

Thomas Shepard, paternal grandfather of our subject, was a son of Thomas, was married four times, his first wife being the mother of Elihu. The great-grandfather, the grandfather and the grandmother all died on the homestead now occupied by our subject.

Elihu Norman Shepard spent his boyhood days in the southwest district of Bloomfield, where he attended school. He first married, in Bloomfield, Feb. 16, 1847, Miss Emily Brown, daughter of Nathan Brown. This lady died Aug. 24, 1882, and at West Hartford May 31, 1883, Mr. Shepard married Augusta M. West, who died Sept. 30, 1889; for his third wife he selected Harriet O. Clark, whom he married March 11, 1891, in New Britain, but this lady died March 17, 1893, and May 15, 1895, Mr. Shepard married his fourth wife—Mrs. Esther A. Barber, in West Hartford. The present Mrs. Shepard is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, with her husband, enjoys the warm respect of all her neighbors. Mr. Shepard, in politics, was first a Whig and is now a Republican, but has never sought political position.

GEORGE BIDWELL, deceased, was in his day one of the prosperous, respected farmers of the town of Manchester, for thirty years prior to his decease occupying and cultivating the farm on which his widow still resides. He was born Jan. 25, 1816, in the town of Vernon, Tolland Co., Conn., son of George Bidwell and grandson of Zebulon Bidwell, both of whom were natives of Manchester, Hartford county, born on the same farm. Our subject was the eldest of two children; the other, Mary A., became the wife of Dr. William Woodbridge, of Brooklyn, Conn., and died in 1874.

George Bidwell received his education in the common and private schools of Andover, Conn., and became familiar with farm life at an early age. He was fourteen when his father died, and he and his mother subsequently carried on the home farm, on which he remained until his removal to Manchester in 1850, when he settled on the farm where the remainder of his life was passed. He was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his decease owned 100 acres in Manchester town, besides a tract of forty-five acres in Vernon, Tolland county, deriving a good income from his land. On March 19, 1837, Mr. Bidwell was united in marriage with Miss Janet Millard, who was born March 26, 1818, in the town of Manchester, daughter of Elijah Millard, a native of the same town, and granddaughter of Andrew Millard, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In the family of children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell, were the following: Estella A., who is the wife of Albert Fuller, of Hartford; George A., who is mentioned more fully below; Melvin, born July 3, 1848, who died when two years old; and Jane A., born Sept. 10, 1850. Mr. Bidwell passed away Sept. 7, 1880, widely mourned in the community where he had made his home for so many years, and his remains were interred in the Center cemetery. He was an active member of the Second Congregational Church of Manchester, in which he was ever a zealous worker, contributing liberally of his time and means to Church work and interests. Politically he was a strong believer in the principles of the Republican party. Though now over eighty years of age Mrs. Bidwell is as active as many women of fifty, and she has always shared the esteem in which her husband was held by all their neighbors and friends. In religious connection she has also been identified with the Second Congregational Church of Manchester for many years.

George A. Bidwell was born in 1845, in Vernon, Tolland Co., Conn., and received his education in the common schools of Manchester and in Wilbraham (Mass.) Academy. During his earlier manhood he was engaged in mercantile business, at Munson, Mass., and from 1880 to 1881 in the town of Manchester, but after his father's death he returned to the home farm, where he has since resided with his mother and attended to the cultivation of the place. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and he has been quite active in local affairs, having served several years as constable, and for three years as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Bissell.

On Oct. 31, 1866, Mr. Bidwell married Miss Frances J. Keeney, and they have two children—Georgia M., who is now the wife of Roland F. Cashman; and Homer G., who lives with his parents.

HON. PHILIP WADSWORTH, a retired business man of Brookside, town of Suffield, Hartford county, was born in New Hartford, Litchfield county, March 7, 1832, and is of remote English descent, the Wadsworth family being one of the very earliest to settle in New England.

Seth Wadsworth, grandfather of our subject, a native of this State, was an agriculturist of Hartford county. He was a brother of Gen. Jeremiah Wadsworth (who was attached to the staff of Gen. Washington), and took a very active part with the patriot army during the Revolutionary war. Seth

Wadsworth married Mary Strong, and to their union were born four children: Hesakiel, Tertius, Timothy and Daniel. Seth and his wife died in Farmington, and there their remains repose side by side.

Tertius Wadsworth, father of Philip Wadsworth, grew to manhood in Farmington, his native town. He began his business life in New Hartford, Litchfield county, as a merchant, and was also interested in manufacturing, later removing to Hartford, where he became interested in banking and insurance, was a director in the State Bank of Hartford for many years, and was also a director in the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford. He was the owner of a great deal of real estate in the city of Chicago, Ill., and was altogether a prominent factor in business and public affairs, although he never sought political honors. He was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and voted simply as a matter of principle. Mr. Wadsworth married Polly Seymour, a native of New Hartford, and to this marriage were born six children, of whom the three eldest, James, Elisha S. and Julius, are deceased; Tertius lives in Chicago; Philip is the subject of this sketch; and Mary S. died young. Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth died in Hartford, in the faith of the Congregational Church, and greatly honored by all classes.

Philip Wadsworth, whose name opens this sketch, was educated in the schools of Hartford and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. In 1853 he went West, located in Chicago, which was then in its infancy, and for years was a leading business man of that city, and largely engaged in the wholesale woolen business. In 1889 he withdrew from the trade and returned to Connecticut, settled in Suffield, and is now enjoying he pleasures of a retired life. He resides in one of the finest mansions in Hartford county, formerly the property of his father-in-law, Parks Loomis, and in remodeling this magnificent home—known as Brookside—there has been expended over $50,000.

Mr. Wadsworth has always taken a very active part in public affairs, especially in Chicago. He was one of the early aldermen of that city, was one of the commissioners that had control of the building of the Illinois State House, and was one of the first Republicans in the State. He was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and strongly supported him on his first nomination for the Presidency of the United States. In 1862 Mr. Wadsworth was appointed by President Lincoln Internal Revenue collector for the First Congressional District of Illinois, and ably filled the office many years. In 1895 Mr. Wadsworth was elected on the Republican ticket as a member of the Connecticut State Legislature from the Suffield district, and it is needless to add that he served his people ably and faithfully.

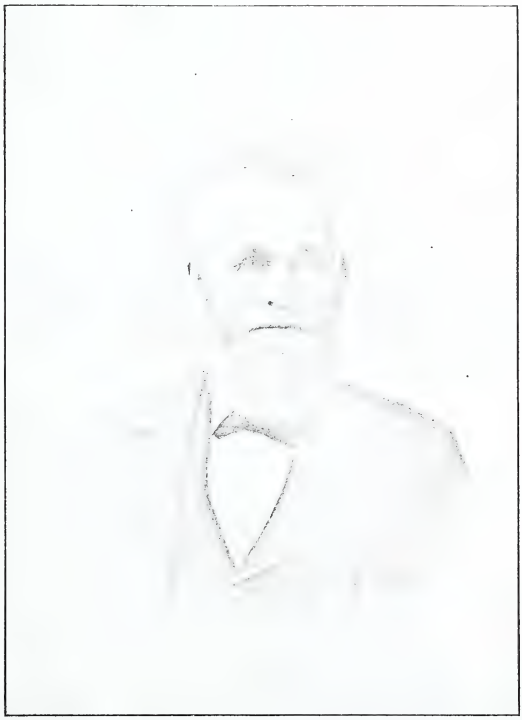
Mr. Wadsworth was united in marriage with Miss Georgiana Loomis, a daughter of Parks and Emily (Hathaway) Loomis, of Suffield, and two children were born to their union: Philip, who died at the age of two years; and Emily, who was married to Charles Schwartz, a prominent business man of Chicago, and also well known in Suffield as the builder of Brookside, who died in Chicago in 1893; his remains were brought to Suffield and here interred. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz—Wadsworth and Philip—still survive, to cheer her widowed life. She makes her home in the Brookside mansion, is a regent in the Daughters of the American Revolution, S. Dwight Kent Chapter, Suffield, and is a lady of refined taste and culture.

TRUMAN HALE, of East Hartford, is a striking example of what is usually termed a "self-made man," one who, by industry, strict integrity and earnest endeavor, has raised himself from comparative indigence, and stands to-day among the leading and substantial citizens of his town.

Mr. Hale was born in South Glastonbury, Hartford county, Dec. 30, 1828, and is presumably of remote Welsh descent, as tradition has it that in an early day of the Colonies a Mr. Hale came from Wales, settled in what is now West Hartford, and was noted for his immense strength. Another Mr. Hale (of no consanguinity) settled at Wassaic, across the State line, in Dutchess county, N. Y., and also became renowned for his physical strength. Mr. Hale, of West Hartford, hearing of the prowess of the other, determined to challenge him to combat, and started to journey to Wassaic for that purpose. On the road he met the Wassaic Hale, carrying a barrel of cider, which he set down in order to exchange the customary salutations; but when Mr. Hale, of West Hartford, saw the other raise the barrel to his lips and drink from the bung-hole, he decided that discretion was "the better part of valor," and also decided not to "try conclusions" with him—at least, not just then.

Ephraim Hale, grandfather of Truman Hale, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., was a shoemaker and cobbler and lived and died in his native town, where his remains repose beside those of his wife, who bore the maiden name of Morley. They reared a large family.

Chester Hale, son of Ephraim, was also born in Glastonbury, about 1795, and there received a meager education, as he early left school to work in a stone quarry, in which he was employed for several years. He then purchased a farm in South Glastonbury, and in 1818 married Miss Nancy Chapman, who was born in 1800, a daughter of Ashel Chapman. To this union were born six children: Henry, born in 1822, was a butcher, quarryman and farmer, married Clara Chapman, passed all his life in Glastonbury, and died in 1898; Hector died young; Titus, born in 1825, married Mary Strong, was a farmer, and is living in retirement at Portland, Conn.; Truman is the subject of this memoir; Hudson, born in 1830, learned toolmak-



Truman Hale

ing, married Mary Boyd, and is now farming in Portland; Obed, born in 1832, was reared to farming, married Celesta Hale (nee Bidwell), died in Glastonbury about 1875, and was buried in South Glastonbury. Chester Hale, the father, died in 1854, and his widow died at the home of their son Titus, in Portland, in 1881.

Truman Hale attended school in South Glastonbury, receiving his first instruction from Wealthy Ann Buck, and after his father's removal to North Glastonbury finished his education in the "brick school house." He located in Portland, living there until his father's death, when he settled on his present place, and here filially cared for his mother for several years. At the age of twenty-one years he had a capital of ten dollars, and began his business life by raising tobacco in a small way. He carried his first year's crop back of his buggy seat to the purchaser, Osmond Wells, who paid him twelve cents per pound delivered at Glastonbury. But mark the progress he has made in life by honesty and diligence. He now has seven acres under cultivation in tobacco on his home place, owns another farm, as well as several houses which he rents, has made many extensive improvements on his homestead in the shape of tobacco sheds and other substantial out-buildings, and in 1892 erected his present dwelling, a fine specimen of architectual skill. His out-buildings alone represent an outlay of $10,000.

Mr. Hale in politics is a Democrat of the most rigid type, is very popular with his party as well as with his fellow-citizens in general, and has been invited to accept nomination for several responsible offices, but has always declined; nevertheless, he has considered it his duty to render service in an official capacity in a minor way, and for thirty-five years has acted as school tax collector, is now serving on the grand jury, and has often served as juryman in the various courts of the county and State. He is a member of no secret order. He is a constant attendant at the Episcopal Church, to the support of which he most liberally contributes. Mr. Hale is excellently well preserved, and is a gentleman of very pleasing personality. He has never married.

Since 1862 George R. Bailey and family have made their home with Mr. Hale. Mr. Bailey was born in Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 8, 1834, and when nine years of age located in Glastonbury, living there until 1862, when he came to East Hartford and took up his residence with Mr. Hale. In 1854 he married Miss Josephine Miller, a native of Haddam, Conn., and daughter of Leonard and Louisa (Dickinson) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have had two children: George, born Aug 8, 1857, died April 11, 1862, and his remains are interred at East Hartford; Agnes L., born June 27, 1858, is married to Charles E. White, a resident of East Hartford and a well-to-do citizen, and they have one son, George Truman, born May 26, 1878, who has always made his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Bailey. Mr. Bailey is at present engaged in peddling meat; he has an excellent reputation as a strictly conscientious business man.

HON. EDWARD W. PRATT, D. D. S., member of the State Legislature from East Hartford, and one of the most able members of the dental profession in Hartford county, was born Aug. 11, 1862, in Essex, Middlesex Co., Conn. Dr. Pratt is a son of Hon. Edward W. and Cornelia M. (Doane) Pratt, and is of the ninth generation from Lieut. William Pratt, the first of the name to settle in New England, who is supposed to have come from England with Rev. Thomas Hooker to Newtown (now Cambridge), Mass., in 1633, and from there to Hartford, Conn., in June, 1636. Lieut William Pratt was twenty-three times a member of the General Court. He married Elizabeth Clark, a daughter of John Clark, first of Saybrook and later of Milford.

Ensign John Pratt, son of Lieut. William, was born in 1644, and married in 1669 Sarah Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Guilford. John Pratt was a holder of extensive lands in Saybrook and also in Hebron, Conn., and first settled in the old parish of Saybrook, on land given him by his father about 1672; he fell heir to the paternal homestead on Essex Point in 1678, when he removed thereto. He was a blacksmith by trade, and his shop stood at or near the spot occupied in 1864 by Elias Pratt, of the seventh generation from the first settler. He was also several times a representative to the General Court.

John Pratt, son of Ensign John, was born in 1671, at Saybrook, and in 1697 married Hannah Williams, who bore him nine children.

Lieut. John Pratt, son of John, was born in 1703, and in 1732 married Mary Webb, by whom he had five children.

Asa Pratt, son of Lieut. John, was born in 1734, and in 1759 married Abigail Dennison, by whom he had eight children. He died in 1811, and his wife in 1830.

John Pratt, son of Asa, was born in 1763, married Hester Kirtland, in 1788, and had born to him six children; he resided in Essex, and died in 1827, his widow surviving until 1849.

Elias Pratt, son of John, was born Feb. 1, 1801, and in 1825 married Abigail Pratt, daughter of Ashbel and Elizabeth Pratt. Elias was a blacksmith, and in 1864 had his shop on or near the point in Essex formerly occupied by Ensign John Pratt, alluded to above. He died when seventy-six years old. The children born to Elias and Abigail Pratt were: Susannah, Edward W., Edwin, Julia L., Augustus, Julia and James.

Edward W. Pratt, son of Elias, and father of our subject, was born July 31, 1828, and was of the eighth generation from the original emigrant, Lieut. William Pratt. Edward W. Pratt learned

blacksmithing from his father, and made a specialty of the ironing of vessels. He was a man of great intelligence, was well read, and in politics was a Republican, and as such prominent and popular. He served as selectman, was registrar of Vital Statistics, and was twice elected to represent Essex in the State Legislature. He was a Freemason, and a man of great influence in the community at large, and a sincere Christian, one whose integrity had never been questioned. He was a robust man, and never experienced a day's sickness, his lamented death, occurring at the age of sixty years, being caused by a fractured limb. His widow still resides in Essex, revered and beloved by all who know her. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Pratt were as follows: Cornelius R., who is a real-estate dealer in Omaha, Neb.; Sydney K., who was cashier of the Harlan Iowa Bank, and died at the age of thirty-two years; Julia E., of Hampden, Va.; Edward W., the subject of this sketch; Abbie M., of Essex, still unmarried; John H., mate on a trading schooner; and Mary N., who died when one year old.

Hon. Edward W. Pratt, the subject of this sketch, and of the ninth generation of this family in America, attended the school in Essex until fourteen years of age, and afterward the South and High schools in Hartford until sixteen, when he returned to Essex. At the age of seventeen years he secured a position as teacher of a school in the village of Ivoryton, Essex town. In the summer of 1880 he went to Harlan, Iowa, clerked in a general store, and was also connected with the *Harlan Herald*, a journal conducted by his brother Cornelius. Some months later he returned to Connecticut, and was employed at Ivoryton by Comstock, Cheney & Co., as a shaper of piano keys, but soon afterward engaged in the study of dentistry, spending three days each week in the office of Dr. F. A. Shailer, a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, and at that time a successful practitioner of Essex. The other three days of the week Mr. Pratt passed in the factory of Tiley & Pratt, as bone sawyer, and thus earned the money to pay for his tuition. He continued thus until the fall of 1882, when he entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he graduated in 1885, and in a class of seventy-three students tied with two others in the competition for first honors. In May, 1885, he began the active practice of his profession in Glastonbury, and toward the close of his stay there alternated three days each week in practice at East Hartford. Finally, in the fall of 1891, he relinquished his Glastonbury practice and settled in East Hartford permanently, and he has since stood foremost in his profession in this thriving town of 6,000 population. In 1891, also, he erected his excellent dwelling on Main street, in which he has his office.

In 1889 Dr. Pratt was joined in matrimony with Miss Charlotte Holmes, daughter of Ambrose and Julia P. (Hardin) Holmes, of Glastonbury, and this union has been blessed with one child, Everett D., born Dec. 4, 1895.

The Doctor is an enthusiastic Republican in politics, and that he is popular with his party is shown by the fact that he was elected to represent East Hartford in the State Legislature in 1899, after the shortest residence in the town, with but one exception, of any person ever elected to this high office; in the Legislature the Doctor served very ably and satisfactorily as chairman of the committee on Capitol Furniture and Grounds. He was also the first president of the Republican Club of Glastonbury, and first president of the East Hartford Republican Club, and has ever been most active in promoting the success of his party. Fraternally the Doctor is past master of the Masonic lodge at East Hartford, and past regent of Council No. 1237, Royal Arcanum, same place, and while he was regent the membership of the council was more than doubled. Mrs. Pratt is a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Pratt is recognized as one of the most skilled in his profession, and his practice is large and lucrative. He keeps fully abreast of dental progress. He is emphatically a self-made man, has been industrious and hardworking from childhood up, even assisting in his father's blacksmith shop when a boy. He is now in most comfortable circumstances, is classed among the best and most useful of East Hartford's citizens, and well deserves the high esteem in which he is universally held. Pleasant courteous, polished in manner, of fine appearance and athletic build, his magnetism makes friends for him wherever he may be.

HENRY C. SPRING, M. D., the rising young physician and surgeon of Bloomfield, was born in Bristol, Hartford Co., Conn., Nov. 13, 1873, and is a son of Charles F. and Annie (Smith) Spring, the former a native of Collinsville, Conn., and now living in retirement at Bristol, and the latter a native of England. Two children were born to this highly-respected couple, Etta B. (of Bristol) and Henry C.

Henry C. Spring received his education at the district school of Bristol, graduated from the high school of the same town, and then attended the business college at Hartford; he next entered the Medical department of Columbia University, at Washington, D. C., studied two years, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York with the class of 1897. His first professional experience was had in the Bellevue and Fordham hospitals, and in the lying-in hospitals of New York, and in July, 1898, he located for the active practice of his profession in Bloomfield, Conn., where his abilities have already won full recognition, and where he has laid the foundation of a permanent and lucrative practice. The Doctor is a social favorite in the town, and fraternally is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M., of Bloomfield. He is unmarried.

THOMAS HANCOCK, a well-known retired citizen of Windsor Locks, is deserving of prominent mention in this volume as a man whose industry and thrift have enabled him to gain for himself an honorable place in life.

Mr. Hancock was born in December, 1830, in Dublin, Ireland, son of Thomas and Lucy (Butler) Hancock. The father, who was a paper maker by occupation, died in Dublin in 1830, and his wife spent her last days with her son in Windsor Locks, dying in 1859. There were three children in the family: Ann, who came to America with her mother and died at Windsor Locks in 1891; Thomas; and Joseph, of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

As a boy Thomas Hancock attended school in Dublin, and also learned the paper maker's trade. In 1850 he left home to seek a better field for labor, and after working a year and a half at his trade in Scotland he went to England, where he was similarly employed for a few months. In 1852 he came to America, locating first in Manchester, Conn., where he remained two years, and in 1855 settled in Windsor Locks, entering the employ of the Seymour Paper Co. Until 1888 he held a responsible position with that firm, and he then retired from active business, having accumulated a handsome competence. He has always shown keen interest in local affairs, being an ardent Democrat, and he has served three years as selectman of his town, while at present he is doing efficient work in the cause of education as a member of the school board.

In 1854 Mr. Hancock was married in Manchester, Conn., to Miss Margaret McKenzie, who died in Windsor Locks in 1866, and in 1879 he was united in marriage with Miss Bridget Farrell, of Windsor Locks. He has had a family of six children, all by the first marriage: Henry, deceased; Lucy; Margaret; Thomas, a resident of Holyoke, Mass.; Mary, deceased; and Sarah. In religious faith Mr. Hancock is a Catholic, and he and his wife are prominent members of St. Mary's Parish, Windsor Locks.

ALBERT J. TERRY, a prominent and progressive agriculturist of the town of Enfield, and who belongs to one of the oldest and best of New England families, was born Jan. 13, 1842, on the farm which he now owns and occupies.

Christopher Terry, his grandfather, was born in Enfield, lived on this same farm all his life, and was a man of considerable prominence in his day. He married Hannah Griswold, and by her had children as follows: Mabel, Mrs. Lyman Granger; Dorcas, Mrs. Solomon Wells; Christopher H., of whom further mention will presently be made; and Maria, Mrs. Daniel B. Allen.

Christopher H. Terry, father of Albert J., like his father, was a native of Enfield, and was also a lifelong farmer on the old homestead, well and favorably known in the community. He married Sarah McKnight, who was born in Ellington, Tolland Co., Conn., daughter of a farmer of that town, and children as follows were born to them: Mabel M., Mrs. David Bancroft; Loren C., who married Belle Miller; Albert J., our subject; and Herbert H., deceased.

Albert J. Terry, whose name introduces this sketch, has, with the exception of a portion of his school days, always resided on the Terry homestead in the town of Enfield. He received a liberal education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home, followed by a three years course at the Wesleyan Academy, in Wilbraham, Mass. Farming has been his life work, and like his forefathers he has met with the success his industry, perseverance and sound judgment have so well merited.

On Jan. 11, 1869, Mr. Terry was united in marriage with Harriet E. Pease, daughter of Theodore and Evaline (Killam) Pease, all of Enfield. Our subject and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church of Enfield; politically he is a Republican. As one of the public-spirited representative citizens of the county, Mr. Terry deserves more than a mere passing notice in the pages of this volume.

WEBSTER N. CASE. The Case family is one of the oldest in this section, and is descended from John Case, a pioneer of Windsor, the subject of this sketch tracing his descent from the pioneer through his son, Capt. Richard Case, who located at Terry's Plains at an early date.

Sergt. Richard Case, son of Capt. Richard Case, was born at Terry's Plains in 1710, and died at West Simsbury in 1769. About 1737 he went to West Simsbury, a part of Canton, and settled on what is known as East Hill, where he spent the rest of his life, engaged in agriculture. He married Mercy Holcomb, of Simsbury, who was born in 1712 and died in West Simsbury in 1780. By this union there were children as follows: Richard, born in 1734, married Ruth Case. Joab, born in 1735, died in 1758. Sylvanus, who was born in 1737, and died 1817, married for the first wife Caroline Humphrey, and for his second wedded Hepzibah Humphrey, a widow, who died in 1818. Simeon is mentioned below. Eli, born in 1741, married Athildred Curtis, and died in 1804. Uriah, born in 1743, died in 1826, was married (first) to Susannah Lawrence, and (second) to Eunice Hill. Edward, born in 1748, married Teruah Lawrence, and died in 1798. Mercy, born in 1752, married Abram Moses, and died in 1818. Naoma, born in 1755, married Esther Brown, and died in 1850.

Simeon Case, son of Sergt. Richard Case, was born in 1739 in Simsbury, but his youth was mainly spent in West Simsbury, where he grew up. When a young man he went to what is now West Granby, this county, which became his permanent residence and there he engaged in farming. He lived to the good old age of eighty-four years, and died at the homestead in 1823. His wife, Mary, who was born

in 1739, and died in 1834, was also a descendant of the Case family, being a daughter of Amos and Mary (Holcomb) Case. She, too, lived to be very old, dying at their home at West Granby at the age of ninety-five. Their children were as follows: Simeon, born in 1759, married Phebe Burr, and died in 1819; Titus, born in 1764, married Amy Reed, and died in 1816; Mary, born in 1771, died in 1821; Obed, born in 1765, married Rachel Emmons, and died in 1849; Eliphalet, born in 1770, married Rachel Case, and died in 1847; Ashbel is mentioned below; Alexander, born in 1774, married Mindwell Case, and died in 1824; Francis, born in 1777, married Jemima Case, and died in 1845; Robert, born in 1780, married Clarissa Case; Peter; and Elizabeth married Reuben Russel.

Ashbel Case, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1762, in West Granby, where he became a large land owner and spent the greater part of his life, engaged in farming. He died in 1816. His wife was Polly (Frazier) Case, and they had children as follows: Syrena, born Sept. 24, 1801, married Daniel Reed; Henry, born Sept. 24, 1803, married Ruby Reed; Philo is mentioned below; Allison; Milton; Octavia, born Oct. 9, 1813, was unmarried; and Avery.

Philo Case, the father of our subject, was born Nov. 23, 1805, at Barkhamsted, but much of his life was spent at West Granby. After completing his education at the district schools he set up store keeping at West Granby, and later he went to Barkhamsted and continued the business, being also engaged in farming there. He was a thoroughly upright man, and a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was first a stanch Whig and later a Republican, but he never sought public offices. He died at his home in Barkhamsted, and was buried in West Granby cemetery. While in West Granby he married Olive Case, of that town, daughter of Noah Case. Like her husband, she was a member of the Methodist Church. She died at West Granby, her remains being interred in the cemetery at that place. Of this union there were five children: Loyal, who now lives in Ohio; Webster N., our subject; Charles, a resident of Jefferson county, Ohio; Walter; and Emily, who married Herbert Case, of Barkhamsted.

On the maternal side our subject is also descended from John Case. Noah Case, Sr., son of John (3) and Abigail (Humphrey) Case, was born Oct. 4, 1715, and died Dec. 17, 1798. On May 5, 1740, he married Myrian Holcomb, eighth daughter of John and Mary Holcomb. She was born Jan. 18, 1719-20. Mr. and Mrs. Case lived near the southwest corner of the present town of Granby, where she died April 5, 1795. Their children were: Noah, Jr., of whom mention is made below; Amy, born Nov. 1, 1744, married Titus Reed; Myrian, born Sept. 7, 1746, died Aug. 23, 1750; Roger, born Aug. 7, 1748; Abner, born Aug. 14, 1752, married Hannah, daughter of Elisha Case, and died Oct. 6, 1807; Ruth, born June 10, 1754; Darius, born March 7, 1756, married, on May 6, 1782, Mary Giddings, and died Dec. 19, 1801; Lydia married James, son of Capt. Josiah Case, of West Simsbury.

Noah Case, Jr., was born Jan. 10, 1740-41, and died Sept. 1, 1807. He married Mary Adams, born in 1742, daughter of Lieut. David Adams, and they lived in Case Street, near the southwest corner of Granby, where she died Oct. 7, 1791. Their children were as follows: A child, born Feb. 3, 1763, died Feb. 3, 1763. Levi, born Dec. 25, 17—, died Jan. 1, 1859, married for his first wife Anna Spencer, and for his second wife wedded Lucia Farnham. Abigail married Levi Humphrey, of Norfolk, Conn. Mindwell, born in 17—, died Aug. 2, 1820, married Alexander Case, son of Simeon Case. Sr. Rachel, born in 1775, died in 1821, married Eliphalet Case, Sr., son of Simeon Case, Sr. Myrian married for her first husband Richard Adams, and for her second husband wedded Eli Phelps. Sarah married John Bramin. Mary married, Dec. 26, 1787, Joel Fuller, of Cases Farm, and died May 22, 1805. Noah was the grandfather of our subject.

Noah Case (3) was born July 7, 1782, and died April 13, 1879. On Dec. 31, 1804, he married Olive Case, born March 27, 1784, daughter of Deacon Richard Case (3). She died Jan. 20, 1864. They had nine children: Bethuel, born Oct 31, 1805, died Sept. 24, 1898, married on Sept. 13, 1831, Clement Goddard. Morris, born Nov. 9, 1807, died May 31, 1814; Marvin, born March 3, 1810, died Sept. 27, 1857, married Maria Wilcox. Everett, born March 14, 1812, married, on Nov. 22, 1836, Emily Hoskins. Morris, born April 25, 1814, and died May 7, 1880, was married Sept. 22, 1859. Norton, born Dec. 26, 1815, married, Nov. 14, 1858, for his first wife, Eliza Case, and after her death he wedded Charlotte Case. Jay, born July 2, 1818, died Aug. 15, 1889, married Maria, widow of his brother Marvin Case. Olive, born March 24, 1824, died Dec. 19, 1862, has been mentioned above as the mother of our subject. Orrin, born June 11, 182—, married, Dec. 24, 1867, H. Barbour.

Webster N. Case, our subject, is a man whose present prosperity is entirely the result of his own industry and good management. Born at West Granby April 11, 1850, he spent the first years of his life in that town and in Barkhamsted, attending the district schools; and later he went to live with his uncle Jay, at North Canton, with whom he remained twelve years, working upon the farm. Having saved money from his earnings, he bought the Mason Case farm, a tract of 135 acres at North Canton, upon which he made improvements. He makes a specialty of tobacco raising and dairying. As a citizen he is highly respected, and he has many warm friends. He is both a trustee and a steward of the Methodist Church. Being domestic in his taste, he has never sought political honors, although he is a stanch Republican. In 1887 Mr. Case married Cora Merrills, of Winsted, Conn., who died at their home

in North Canton, and was buried in Winsted. For his second wife he married, in 1897, Mrs. Lila (Church) Hart, daughter of Orville and Ellen (Case) Church, and widow of Walter Hart. Mrs. Case was educated in the district schools of Barkhamsted, her native town, and she was for four years a public-school teacher. She has three children from her first marriage: Lena, Belle and Orville. By his first marriage Mr. Case had one child, deceased in infancy.

HENRY HUNTINGTON LOOMIS, deceased. Among the representative citizens of Hartford county, unostentatious in manner of life, content to labor and enjoy the rewards of honest effort, successful, perhaps, in the full measure of modest ambition, courageous, faithful, and held in high esteem for many personal qualities, must be named the subject of this sketch. He was a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Coventry, Tolland county, June 4, 1822, son of Samuel and Irene (Tracey) Loomis.

Henry H. Loomis was reared on his father's farm, and received a good common-school education. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he married and began life for himself, wedding, April 19, 1843, Miss Hannah Snell, of Willington, Tolland Co., Conn. After his marriage he remained for one year on his father's farm in the town of Coventry, and in the spring of 1844 removed to East Hartford. A year later he purchased a farm in the town of South Windsor, where he lived for six years. Mr. Loomis in 1851 moved to the farm which he cultivated until his death, Sept. 18, 1899, and which was his home for forty-eight years preceding his decease. He owned about thirty-four acres, which he devoted to general farming and tobacco growing, his land being under a high state of cultivation and quite productive.

Of the children born to our subject and wife four are now living: Henry E., a farmer of Glastonbury; Hannah P., wife of J. Warren Stowe, who lives at Scitico; Melissa A., wife of Henry E. Pitkin, of South Windsor; and Mary E., widow of Samuel T. Burnham. The family are members of the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Loomis was a Republican.

ISAAC BURDETT PHELON, for many years an esteemed citizen of the town of Suffield, and a well-known dealer in ice, milk and wood, as well as a successful grower of tobacco, was born in West Suffield Nov. 2, 1831, on the Phelon homestead, a son of Isaac Seymour and Sabra (Bartlett) Phelon.

Isaac Seymour Phelon, father of our subject, was also born in West Suffield, was educated in the district school, and was reared on the home farm. While still a young man he secured a tract of 200 acres, part of it from the old homestead, and on this tract he passed his life in general farming and tobacco growing. In Southwick, Mass., he married Sabra Bartlett, a native of Rhode Island, of Scottish descent, and to this marriage were born four children: Isaac Burdett, the subject of this memoir; Jane, deceased wife of Daniel G. Viets, of Thompsonville, Conn.; Charles, who died in the Civil war; and Menzo, who died young. In politics Isaac S. Phelon was a supporter of the Jeffersonian Democracy; he never sought office. In religion he was liberal in his views, but was a sincere Christian, and was noted for his integrity and strict sense of honor. He died at his home in 1840, while still in the prime of life, and two months before his youngest child was born. His widow, who was a truly Christian woman, succeeded in rearing her children in respectability and to be a credit to the community. She died at the home of her son, Isaac Burdett, her remains being interred in West Suffield.

Isaac Burdett Phelon received a good common-school education. He was only nine years of age when his father died, and for four years after this sad event lived with his grandfather, to whom he was bound, but the circumstances were not to his liking, and he had, besides, a desire to see the great West. Accordingly he traveled through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, returning to his native State within a few months, however, and finding employment with Eli Freeman, of West Suffield, for whom he worked eight consecutive years. He then returned to the homestead, in which he bought the interest of the other heirs with the savings from his earnings during his years of outside labor. To the original tract he added ten acres, making a total of seventy-six, on which he made extensive improvements at a cost of several thousand dollars, and engaged in the cultivation of tobacco and general farming until 1878, when he moved to Boston Neck and purchased the Stony Brook farm, of seventy acres, where he has since been engaged in the same line of agriculture, adding dairying and the handling of ice and wood. For the past twenty years he has stored and handled 3,000 tons of ice annually, and to his other industries he has added stock raising, and is credited with the ownership of some of the finest stock in this section of the State.

Mr. Phelon was married in Agawam, Mass., to Miss Eliza M. Arnold, a daughter of Smith Arnold, and a lady of refinement and culture, as all the surroundings of her present home clearly indicate. To this marriage four children have been born: Calvin, who is a farmer in West Suffield, and is married to Lula Wood; Alice Marian, who died young; Alfred B., a hotel man of Hartford; and Arthur, at home. The family attend the Baptist Church; Mr. Phelon is quite liberal in his views of religion. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat, and he has filled the office of constable of his town for seventeen years. He is a keen observer, but of genial disposition, and is honored as a man of strict integrity. Through his sole personal efforts he has

realized a competence, and his individual merits have won for him the high regard of all classes in the community.

JOSEPH R. CARROLL, the very popular general agent of the Manhattan Life Insurance Co. and the Massachusetts Mutual Accident Association, with headquarters at Hartford, was born in East Hartford May 24, 1861, a son of E. J. and Mary (Ruth) Carroll, a biography of whom may be found elsewhere.

Mr. Carroll was educated in the common schools and at Osgood's Commercial College, and after leaving school was employed by O. D. Woodruff & Co., dealers in hats and furs at Hartford, being connected with that firm as head clerk and traveling salesman for ten years. But the insurance business proved an attraction to him, and in February, 1895, he accepted the agency of the Manhattan Life, and in October, 1895, was appointed general agent at Hartford for the Massachusetts Mutual Accident Association. Hartford, as is well known, is the headquarters of more insurance companies than any other city of its size in the world, but Mr. Carroll, being of a genial disposition, and affable and gentlemanly, has kept his principals well to the front in the competition for business.

Mr. Carroll was united in marriage with Miss Carrie M. Royce, a native of Livingston county, N. Y., and to this union have been born three children, of whom one died unnamed; Marguerite died in childhood; Pauline Marie survives. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are devout members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of East Hartford, are among the most liberal contributors to its support, and live fully up to its teachings. In politics Mr. Carroll is one of the most active and popular young Democrats of East Hartford, and in 1890 and 1891 served the town as tax collector. Fraternally he is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and has performed his duty toward this association by serving as captain of John F. Carroll Camp, No. 27. As a citizen he is public-spirited and useful, and as a business man is irreproachable in every respect. He is ever alert and energetic, and does more business than any man of his years in the city of Hartford—that city of cities in the insurance line.

L. Z. SKINNER, M. D., one of the rising young members of the medical profession in Hartford county, and a successful practitioner of Windsor, has by dint of his own energy and perseverance secured a good education, and by professional merit has built up a large and constantly-increasing practice, though he came to Windsor an entire stranger to every one, and had several old practitioners with whom to compete.

Dr. Skinner was born April 1, 1866, in Waterville, Nova Scotia. On the paternal side he is of good old Colonial stock, his great-grandfather having removed from New Haven, Conn., to Nova Scotia. His descendants are now quite numerous, and the Skinner family in St. John, New Brunswick, is a prominent and wealthy one. His son Samuel located at that place, becoming one of its leading citizens and successful manufacturers, and the latter's son Charles represented the city in Parliament. David Skinner, the Doctor's grandfather, was a well-to-do and influential citizen of Nova Scotia, where his father, Martin Skinner, has spent his entire life as a prosperous and successful farmer. Martin Skinner married Sarah Pineo, a representative of one of the best families of Nova Scotia, her ancestors being of aristocratic French extraction, and three sons were born of this union, of whom two are still living: L. Z., our subject; and an older brother, who is a farmer of Nova Scotia.

At his birthplace Dr. Skinner grew to manhood, assisting in the labors of the farm, and attending the local school until 1884. When fifteen he began applying himself more closely to his books, and in 1884 entered school at Berwick with the intention of preparing for the profession of teacher. At the age of eighteen he entered upon the duties of that profession in the primary department of the graded schools of Waterville. Later he was promoted to higher grades, successfully taught in different places, and became a principal, continuing to engage in teaching for several years. In the meantime, however, he was also interested in other business, and at one time engaged in general merchandising in partnership with his brother, to whom he later sold out. He commenced reading medicine under the direction of Dr. Middlemas, a very prominent physician and successful practitioner of Berwick, N. S., and subsequently entered Baltimore Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1894. The same year he opened an office in Windsor, and has steadily worked his way upward until he now enjoys an excellent practice. Being of a self-reliant and independent nature, he paid his own way through school, though not obliged to do so, and his success is due entirely to his own efforts. As a citizen he stands high in the esteem of all who know him, and as a practitioner is second to none in Windsor. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and socially is a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., at Windsor, and was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Foresters in Nova Scotia.

LUMAN LILLIE, a well-known tobacco grower of West Suffield, Hartford county, and one of its highly-respected citizens, was born in Winchester, Litchfield Co., Conn., Nov. 7, 1842, and is of English and Scottish extraction. During the days of Cromwell the Lillies were supporters of the king, and from their home in England were driven to Scotland, whence they later emigrated to America, settling in the Colony of Vermont, where they became good citizens and supporters of our free institutions. Caleb Lillie, the grandfather of our sub-

ject, was a native of the Green Mountain State, was a farmer by occupation, and owned land at Pownal, Bennington county, where he made his home until called from this life.

Jason Lillie, our subject's father, was born at Pownal where he was reared and educated. At the age of eighteen he left home, and walking to Connecticut located in Winchester, Litchfield county. For four years he was employed as traveling salesman by the Halbit Scythe Co., selling scythes in Connecticut, New York, Vermont and Massachusetts. The following two years he engaged in farming for Hulbert & Tuttle, in Litchfield county, and in 1840 came to Suffield, Hartford county, where he rented the Spencer farm for sixteen years, and the Dr. Kellogg farm for two years. Coming to West Suffield in 1864, he bought the James Harman farm, of sixty-five acres, on which he engaged in tobacco culture and general farming until life's labors were ended. In Winsted, Litchfield county, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia Hart, a native of that place, and a daughter of Samuel Hart, and to them were born four children: Luman, subject of this sketch; William, a farmer of West Suffield; Sylvia J., an estimable lady who keeps house for our subject; and Francis J., who died in middle life. The parents both died on the old homestead, and were buried in West Suffield cemetery. They were sincere and faithful members of the Baptist Church, and in his political views the father was a Democrat. He was a strong temperance man, and was highly esteemed for his sterling worth and strict integrity.

Luman Lillie was only four years old when brought by his parents to Suffield, and after attending the district school for some time he completed his education in the Connecticut Literary Institute, under the instruction of H. A. Pratt, then principal. At the age of eighteen years he commenced teaching school, and successfully followed that profession for one term in Suffield and one term in Rainbow, Hartford county. Since then his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and on the death of his father he took charge of the old homestead, where he has since successfully engaged in general farming and raising tobacco. He is a quiet, unassuming man, industrious and enterprising, and gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party. He is liberal in his religious views, and he and his sister, who lives with him, hold membership in the Baptist Church.

THOMAS BOSTICK, farmer, dairyman and tobacco grower, was born in the village of Thompsonville, town of Enfield, March 10, 1861, a son of Randall and Anna (Joy) Bostick.

Mr. Bostick's father was born in England, and his mother was a native of Ireland. After his migration to the United States, Randall Bostick began business as a peddler of vegetables at Enfield. He possessed marked business ability, and in 1875 he purchased the farm in Enfield now occupied by his son, George E. Bostick, the brother of our subject. Randall Bostick was married in 1858, at the early age of eighteen years, and his family consisted of seven children, as follows: John, Thomas, Nellie (Mrs. Barton Prickett), Randall, Anna (Mrs. Colts), George E. and Benjamin.

Thomas Bostick, our subject, was reared in Enfield, educated in the public schools, and began life as a farmer; he purchased the farm he now occupies in 1891, and is engaged in dairying and tobacco growing. In 1883 he married Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Shepherd) Goodwin, of England, and they have four children, Herbert, Stephen, Ila and Annie. He is a progressive citizen, a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM JAMES REINSCH, a leading undertaker and popular business man of Southington, has made his own way in the world from an early age, and through his own well-directed efforts and untiring industry has already achieved success, though he is comparatively a young man.

A native of Hartford county, Mr. Reinsch was born in Manchester, Nov. 29, 1869, son of Theodore and Susan (Waddell) Reinsch. During his boyhood the father came to America and located in New York City, where he worked as a confectioner. In 1855 he came to Manchester, Conn., where he was employed as a weaver until 1895, in that year removing to Middletown, where he now resides. By his first wife he had five children: William J., our subject; Mary, deceased; Herman; Minnie, Mrs. Chester; and Wilson. For his second wife he wedded Mary Ann Sanderson, and to them were born two children, Edward and Susie.

The early life of our subject was spent in Manchester, where he attended the public schools to a limited extent, but his educational privileges were meager, as at the age of eleven years he commenced work in the cotton mills of the Union Manufacturing Co., where he remained three years. He then entered the woolen mills of B. C. Apel, and remained there until 1893, when he located in Southington, and was in the employ of W. S. Gould three years. On May 30, 1896, he embarked in the undertaking business on his own account, and has since successfully continued in that line.

Mr. Reinsch was married, May 31, 1892, to Miss Anna Reed, a daughter of George and Ann Reed, of Ireland, and they have three children, William, Susan and Harold. Mr. Reinsch is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Royal Society of Good Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Red Men. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

THOMAS W. MITCHELL comes of a family of distinguished English descent. His grandfather was born in the city of York. Reuben Mitchell,

father of T. W. Mitchell, was born in Leicester, and married Jane Cowlam, a member of an ancient Scottish family, whose father, William Cowlam, was a resident of Dumfries.

Reuben Mitchell was considered one of the best mechanics in the United Kingdom, and is said to have held the first contract for building engines ever signed in England. As an engine builder and general machinist he was remarkably successful, and was not without education of a superior order. He had a brother who was a master in Rugby School, and another who was an exciseman in London, as well as one who was a teacher in that city. Reuben Mitchell passed his last days in New Britain, where he died March 31, 1900. His widow still resides in that city. Their children were as follows: Teresa, who married Fred W. Fisher, both now deceased; Thomas W.; Edwin R., who is now superintendent of the electric railway service at Fort Madison, Iowa; Joseph is in the employ of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, and has charge of what is known as the Niagara plant; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Foulds, of Lynn, Mass., foreman of the vacuum department in Thompson & Hanston's plant at that place; Jennie, married to John Blake, of New Britain; Lucy, now the wife of Joseph Caunt, a shoe manufacturer of Lynn; Hattie, who married James Caunt, a brother of Joseph; and Reuben.

Thomas William Mitchell was born in Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, May 11, 1855. His birthplace was within three miles of the ground upon which occurred the bloody battle of Bosworth Field, in the War of the Roses. His rudimentary education was of rather a meager sort, yet he improved to the utmost such advantages as he had; still, his true education was obtained in the broader field of active life and practical experience. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker at Nottingham, a place celebrated alike for its production of lace and for its propinquity to the home of Lord Byron. For five years he led the life of an apprentice, availing himself of such opportunities as were afforded for attendance upon evening schools. After mastering his trade he determined to woo fortune in the New World and emigrated to America, coming directly to New Britain after landing at New York, his father having preceded him as a settler in that city in 1869. His first employment in his new home was as a wood-worker in one of the departments of the New Britain Knitting Co., where he remained five years. At the expiration of that period he went to work for William H. Geddings, a furniture dealer on Church street, where he was employed at his old trade for ten or eleven years. By that time, through industry, integrity and thrift, he had accumulated enough money to enable him to embark in business on his own account. He formed a partnership with H. E. Johnson, under the firm name of T. W. Mitchell & Co., which concern is yet doing business at the location in which it started. Their line of trade is furniture and upholstery, and in the last-mentioned branch of business they are regarded as one of the leading firms of the city. Their display rooms are extensive and well arranged, and their trade has steadily increased from the inception of their enterprise.

The career of Mr. Mitchell affords a striking illustration of the possibilities open to young men of earnest purpose and high moral sense to attain success in New England. He has attained a high degree, yet his success is well deserved. While his business sense is keen, his impulses are generous and his charity broad. During the last six or seven years he has taken an active interest in politics, and has been three times a delegate to the State convention of the Republican party; and has been a member of the Sub-way commission. He was one of the earliest members of St. Elmo Lodge, No. 21, of New Britain, having connected himself therewith in March, 1880. In 1882 he was elected chancellor commander, being the youngest man who ever filled that responsible office. The same year he was chosen district deputy, and in 1887 elected grand master of the exchequer, but owing to his absence from the floor at the time of his election he was disqualified from accepting the office. In 1898, in conjunction with grand chancellor Fred E. Chessen, of Waterbury, he was appointed a member of the committee on Mileage and Finance. He is also connected with the I. O. O. F., but has taken a far less active interest in this order; and belongs to the Sons of St. George, having attained the rank of past president, after serving two terms in the executive chair. He is a director in the Sovereign Trading Co., and treasurer of the Republican Savings & Loan Association, of New York.

Mr. Mitchell married Hattie E. Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, of Bristol, Conn. Her family is also of English origin and from Leicestershire. To their union have been born three children: Charles R., Nellie M., and Ralph J., all of whom live at home.

A. N. GRAVES, proprietor of the "Suffield House," Suffield, is deservedly popular as a landlord, and his hotel is regarded by the traveling public as among the best to be found in any small town in the State. Since it came under his management it has been greatly improved, a story having been added, and the entire place fitted up with steam heat and other modern conveniences, while the cuisine is excellent. In his care of his guests, Mr. Graves is ably seconded by his clever wife, and one of the attractions of the place is its quiet and home-like atmosphere, in which all are left free to enjoy themselves without the obtrusive conversation so often bestowed upon the stranger in small hotels.

Mr. Graves was born May 21, 1856, at Middlefield, Mass., on a mountain farm which was the birthplace of four generations of the family. Ste-

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phen Graves, his grandfather, resided at the old homestead, where he followed farming, but although he owned a large amount of land it was so rocky and hilly that his hard labor brought meagre returns. Dwight E. Graves, the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old farm, and for some years of his early manhood had charge of the place, but he afterward settled in Suffield, where he died in January, 1885, aged over sixty years. He was a tall man, measuring six feet, one inch, in his stockings, and weighed about 170 pounds on the average. His associates held him in high esteem for his excellent qualities, but while he took an intelligent interest in the questions of his time, and was a stanch Republican in politics, he did not aspire to official position in the community. He married Miss Mary Root, also a native of Middlefield, Mass., who survives him, and now resides in Worcester, Mass. This worthy couple had seven children: Edward, who is in business in Worcester, Mass., as a dealer in meat and groceries; Henry S., who was superintendent of the city poor farm at Worcester, Mass., and died in the spring of 1899; W. S., a grocer and meat dealer at Worcester; Mary, deceased; A. N., our subject; Charles C., butcher and grocer at Windsor Locks; and Elmer, who is in the meat business in Hartford. All of the sons are large men, their combined weight at present being 1,284 pounds, and all are prosperous in business and respected in society.

During his boyhood Mr. Graves learned habits of industry, working on the old homestead, and his educational opportunities were limited to an irregular attendance in the district schools. His parents, who shared the high appreciation of learning which is common among New England people, desired better privileges for their sons, but their circumstances prevented them from fulfilling their wishes. At the age of fifteen Mr. Graves left home and came to Suffield, where he boarded with his brother Henry, then a butcher in that town, whom he assisted in the meat business by driving a delivery wagon; in the meantime he attended the Connecticut Literary Institute for two terms. Later he succeeded to his brother's business, continuing thus until 1884, and for two years he conducted a livery stable and coal yard at Windsor Locks On Nov. 1, 1888, he bought the "Suffield House," with the livery and sale stable in connection, and the management of this property has since occupied much of his time. His trade in horses is extensive, and he is known as an excellent judge of their good points, his admiration for them having made him a keen observer from his boyhood. He owns some of the best bred animals in Suffield, including a prominent colt, "Quarter Bar," by "Temple Bar," and his favorite driving team is composed of "Lottie Fallis" and "Bijou," each of whom has made a record of 2:21¼. In March, 1898, as his successor in the meat business had abandoned the enterprise, Mr. Graves again established a meat market in order to have one in the village, and in addition to all his other lines of business he carries on farming. Previous to 1897 he was extensively engaged in tobacco culture, having twenty-four acres under cultivation during one season, and he is one of three members of a syndicate formed for the purpose of growing tobacco extensively, the firm name being The Bissel, Graves Co. In the summer of 1899 they grew sixty-six acres of tobacco, and in 1900, seventy-five acres. As a citizen Mr. Graves is progressive and liberal, always willing to help any cause that will help Suffield, and, like all his brothers, is a firm supporter of the Repubican party. His tastes do not incline toward public life. Socially he is connected with Gideon Granger Lodge, No. 62, K. of P.; Lyman Council of the O. U. A. M. (being a charter member of both); and with the Masonic Fraternity.

Mr. Graves married Miss Alma Smith, and they have one son, Howard D., born Sept. 8, 1891. Mrs. Graves is a native of Ashford, Conn., born July 4, 1860, and was reared in Mansfield, this State, where her parents, A. P. and Alma (Lilley) Smith, settled during her childhood. Her father now resides in Tacoma, Wash. Of his nine children, two sons and two daughters lived to adult age, Mrs. Graves being the youngest.

NICHOLAS J. BAKER. The firm of Baker & Eagan, ladies' and gents' furnishers, at Windsor Locks, conducts one of the leading mercantile establishments of that locality, and in the success which has attended their enterprise from the start we may see the results of sound business acumen allied to untiring energy. The store is advantageously located on Main street, nearly opposite the depot, and a well selected stock attracts the custom of the best class of people, while correct business methods and perfect reliability have won general confidence.

Nicholas J. Baker, the senior member of the firm, was born May 3, 1865, at Brattleboro, Vt. His education was obtained in the public schools of Holyoke, Mass., and at the age of nineteen years he located at Windsor Locks, his first employment being in the factory of J. R. Montgomery & Co., with whom he remained three years and a half. In 1887 he formed a partnership with Edwin P. Eagan and engaged in their present business, to which he has given his entire attention, not even diverting any portion of his time to politics. He is a member of the New England Order of Protection, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and he and his family are much esteemed socially. He was married in Windsor Locks to Miss Mary Sheridan, and they have four children: Nellie, Joseph, James and Rose Marion.

EDWIN P. EAGAN, the junior partner, was born at Bloomfield, Conn., May 19, 1864. Thomas Eagan, his father, was a native of Galway, Ireland, and came to the United States when a young man. He remained for a time in the town of Windsor Locks but later removed to Bloomfield, while for twenty-eight years past he has been engaged in farming in

the town of Granby. He was married in Windsor Locks, Conn., to Miss Mary E. Gilligan, also a native of Galway, Ireland, and they have the following children: Michael W., a Pinkerton's detective; John C., foreman of the docks at Smithburg; Thomas L., of Windsor Locks; Catherine and Maggie, deceased; and Edwin P.

Edwin P. Eagan spent his early years in Granby, Conn., where he attended the public schools, and when twelve years old began to learn the steam-fitter's trade in Hartford, Conn. He followed same nine years, most of the time in Windsor Locks, Conn., but since 1887 he has been connected with the firm of Baker & Eagan, in whose success his ability and foresight has been a recognized factor. He and his wife are leading members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Windsor Locks, and he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He was married in Windsor Locks to Miss Emma Baines, who died Aug. 12, 1896, leaving two children: Edwina and William A. On April 20, 1898, he was married, in Thompsonville, Conn., to Miss Nellie Callahan.

DANIEL LAVERTY is one of the substantial citizens of Poquonock, this county, who are of alien birth, and who have, by their own unaided exertions, raised themselves to their present prosperous condition.

Mr. Laverty was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1837, a son of Daniel and Mary (Dixon) Laverty, who were well-to-do farming people in the Emerald Isle. The children in the family were Patrick, now a farmer of Avon Springs, N. Y.; John, of whom all trace was lost after he entered a New York regiment during the Civil war; James, a farmer of Avon Springs, N. Y.; Daniel, our subject; and Bridget, Mary and Ella, all deceased. The mother and daughters all died in Ireland within two years, and as this broke up the family the father sold his property preparatory to coming to America. Patrick was the first of the family to emigrate, was soon followed by John and James, and later by the father, who died in Williamsburg, New York.

Our subject had been bound out to a Mr. McGuire, a farmer in Ireland, and was the last of the family to come to the New World. He was educated in the public schools of his native land, and was a lad of twelve years when he went from Belfast to Liverpool, and there took passage on board the "Richard Morris" for New York, arriving in that city after nine long weeks spent upon the water. His first work here was at screening sand, at Williamsburg, N. Y., but he received no pay for his five weeks of labor. Later he worked by the day at any employment such as a boy could do, and he was an exceptionally good and steady boy. He cared for a gentleman's horses part of the time. During the construction of the Seymour paper mills at Windsor Locks, Conn., he went there to do work as a mason's tender, but being small for his age the boss seemed to think him too light for the work, and suggested his becoming an apprentice to learn the bricklayer's trade, which he did. During his two years and nine months' apprenticeship he received only his board, some cheap clothing, and $7.50 in money. Since then he has made bricklaying his life work, and followed it in several New England towns.

On Feb. 11, 1857, at Windsor Locks, Mr. Laverty was united in marriage with Miss Mary McCaffrey, who was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in November, 1836, a daughter of Patrick and Ann (McGuire) McCaffrey. The father was the first of the family to come to the United States, and was working as a laborer in a paper mill at Rainbow, Conn., when joined by his family, who crossed the Atlantic from Liverpool on the "West Point," which was eighteen days in reaching the harbor of New York. Mrs. Laverty was nine years old at this time. The parents of both died in Poquonock, in 1886, within a month. In their family were four children, two sons and two daughters, but one of the sons died in Ireland, at the age of four years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Laverty have been born the following children: Mary A., widow of Robert Farnan, of Poquonock; James, at home; John, a resident of Rainbow; Lizzie, who died in infancy; Katy, wife of Thomas Denby, of Winsted, Conn.; Nellie, who died in childhood; Daniel, a resident of Poquonock; William, a resident of Hartford; Fred, who died at the age of two years; and Nellie (2), at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverty began housekeeping at Windsor Locks in a very unpretentious home, later lived in Springfield, Mass., Poquonock and Hartford, and then returned to Poquonock, where they have resided permanently since 1864. His first work here was on the construction of the upper mill for the Health Underwear Co., and he has since been employed on all of the principal buildings erected in Poquonock and Rainbow, as well as on many of the large brick mills built throughout New England. He has built an excellent home of his own in Poquonock, and though he started out in life for himself empty-handed he is now one of the substantial citizens of the place. Honest, industrious and enterprising, Mr. Laverty commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, and his friends are many in Hartford county. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and religiously he and his family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Poquonock.

EMERSON A. HOUGH is one of the leading pharmacists of this section, having conducted a drug store at Collinsville for the past thirty-three years, and as a member of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association he has been especially active,

six years of efficient work on the executive committee testifying to his interest. He is also prominent in public affairs, being an active worker in the Republican party, and for twenty-one years he held the office of postmaster at Collinsville, his service extending from Grant's administration to that of Harrison.

Mr. Hough was born in Collinsville Nov. 24, 1842, son of Josiah Hough, and grandson of Robert Hough, and is of Scottish descent in the paternal line. Josiah Hough was born and reared in Glastonbury, this county, and in early manhood located at Collinsville. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and for some years was employed by the Collins Co., in the construction of their buildings, but for several years previous to his death he was engaged in the manufacture of boxes, as a contractor with the firm. Politically he was a Democrat, but did not aspire to office, and for many years he and his wife were identified with the Congregational Church. He married (first) Miss Laura Rice, of Barkhamsted, Litchfield county, by whom he had six children: Jane E., widow of Henry A. Gleeson; Henry J., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; George R., a railway engineer, residing at Clayton, Ill.; Dayton E., also a railway engineer; Lucelia, wife of H. E. Harrington, a prominent citizen of Hartford, and a deacon in the Congregational Church; and Emerson A., our subject. The mother of this family died in Collinsville, where her remains are interred, and the father afterward married Miss Caroline E. Brockett, of Simsbury, and after her death wedded Sarah Humphrey. He had no children by either union.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Collinsville, and on leaving the high school secured a position as clerk in a drug store there, belonging to Mr. Polk. The Civil war having aroused his patriotic ardor, he on Nov. 18, 1861, enlisted in Company H. 12th Conn. V. I., under Col. Henry C. Demming, of Hartford, and Capt. Joseph R. Toy, of Simsbury. After six months he was ordered to New Orleans and appointed hospital steward by order of Maj.-Gen. B. F. Butler, serving in the medical department until October, 1864, when he was discharged. On his return home he took his old position, continuing with Mr. Polk about two years, and in November, 1867, engaged in business on his own account. He is an excellent business man, as is shown by his success, and he owns the fine building known as the Harrington block, in which his store is located. Mr. Hough was one of the organizers of the Farmington Valley Agricultural Association, and is now secretary and a member of the board of trustees. His fondness for fine horses is one of his traits. Socially he is much esteemed, his genial manners and sterling qualities of character having won for him a host of friends. He and his family are identified with the Congregational Church, of which he has served as treasurer since 1869, as a member of the choir since 1804, and as chorister since 1870. He also belongs to Village Lodge, No. 29, F. & A. M., at Collinsville.

On May 23, 1866, Mr. Hough was married in Collinsville to Miss Sarah A. Bidwell, and three children have blessed the union: (1) Frederick J., a graduate of the Collinsville high school, is a shipping clerk with the Collins Co. He married Miss Etta Tilly, and has two children, Leonard and Marion. (2) Harold W. completed a course in the high school, and is employed by the Ætna Life Insurance Co., at Hartford. (3) Miss Florence B., who also graduated from the high school, is at home. Mrs. Hough is a member of a well-known family, being a descendant of Thomas Bidwell, a pioneer of Canton, of whom an account is given elsewhere. Her father, Franklin A. Bidwell, is a prominent resident of Collinsville. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucia Ann Dyer, was a daughter of Zenas and Sarah (Chidsey) Dyer, of Canton.

PATRICK NOLAN, a well-known citizen and representative farmer of the town of Newington, was born in King's County, Ireland, March 13, 1836, a son of John and Elizabeth (Carlyle) Nolan, farming people. When our subject was about sixteen years of age the father came to America, but soon returned to his native land, where both he and the mother died. The paternal grandfather, John Nolan, was a farmer in Ireland; and the maternal grandfather, Joseph Carlyle, was a paymaster in the British army.

Patrick Nolan received a rather limited education, as at an early age he was obliged to work hard, and had no time for study. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until he attained his majority, and then determined to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic, where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious and industrious young men. He sailed from Queenstown to Liverpool, and there took passage on the steamer "Wilburn," which finally reached Halifax, Nova Scotia, after a voyage of twenty-three days. After working at that place one month he came to Hartford, Conn., where for two years he assisted a blacksmith in Sharp's rifle factory. He then became employed on the Springfield, Hartford & New Haven railroad, on which he worked as a section hand for three years and four months, and then was made section boss, a position he creditably filled for over thirty years, finally retiring because the bad weather was detrimental to his health. Soon after being made section foreman he purchased fourteen acres of land in Newington, upon which he has a pleasant, six-room residence, where he is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

In February, 1876, Mr. Nolan married Miss Katherine Donahue, of Hartford, and they have three children: Elizabeth, born in February, 1877,

is a typewriter in the employ of the Pope Manufacturing Co.; Mary, born in May, 1878, is the wife of John Hoye, a contractor, of Kensington; and James, born July 23, 1885, is attending school in Hartford. Mr. Nolan takes a just pride in giving his children good educational advantages, something which he regrets he did not receive. He is a self-made man, whose success in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts and industry, is public-spirited and progressive, and is highly respected by all who know him. In his political views he is a Democrat. His estimable wife holds membership in the New Britain Catholic Church.

JOHN PINCHES. Instances are not uncommon of emigrant boys coming to America from Europe, where conditions are different and where perhaps opportunities for advancement are fewer, and in the new land rising by their own unaided efforts under strange environment to prominent and responsible positions in life. The details of a life career of this kind are most interesting, for they come closer to nature's heart than do the growth of human nature under more favorable conditions. The subject of this sketch is an emigrant from England—he has risen to eminence in the life of New Britain, and the outlines of his success are herewith narrated.

Mr. Pinches' father, John Pinches, was a small farmer living in Shropshire, England, and son of a farmer who raised a family of four sons and three daughters, of whom Richard became a miner of Shropshire; James was a farmer of the same place; and Elizabeth married a Mr. Shooker, of Shropshire. The grandfather was a member of the Episcopal Church. John Pinches, the father of our subject, tilled a farm of about 100 acres in his native place, and was prosperous and thrifty, fairly well educated, and holding allegiance to the Episcopal Church. He married Jane Partridge, who was one of a family of seven children—Thomas, William, Samuel, Ann (Mrs. James Pinches), Jane, Betsey (Mrs. William Hotchkiss) and Sarah (Mrs. Richard Tage)—born to William and Mary (Berguin) Partridge; the father was a farmer and blacksmith of Shropshire. To John and Jane (Partridge) Pinches were born five children, namely: William, a farmer in England; Thomas, a railroad man in England; Samuel, a farmer in Shropshire; John; and James, who lives in England. The father is still living in England, at the age of eighty years. The mother died in July, 1849.

John Pinches was born Feb. 27, 1847, at the "Hovers," Shropshire. He received a fair education in the "rate" school of his native village, but he describes the schools as being "of the commonest kind." He owes his education very largely to his own application in the later years of his life, for his school days ended when he was about twelve years of age, he like most boys in the neighborhood being expected at that age to earn his own support. He engaged in farm work, which occupation he followed continuously until his twentieth year, when he decided to come to America. Landing in New York in 1867 he proceeded to Northford, and there secured work with Henry Bunnell, remaining there for three months. The methods of American farming were not wholly to his liking, and going to North Haven he engaged in brickmaking, receiving $45 per month and board, the highest wages then paid in the yard. When the season ended he went to South Meriden and began an apprenticeship at table-knife grinding. He was earning $3.50 per day when he was stricken with typhoid fever, and at the advice of his physician he abandoned that occupation. Deciding to learn the joiner's trade he served an apprenticeship at Meriden and for six years after its completion worked as a journeyman. Mr. Pinches then resolved to enter the building and contracting business. He was not yet thirty, but concluded that he had mastered his occupation and was able to succeed in a somewhat wider field. His marked success was perhaps beyond his anticipations. After following the business for a short time in Hartford he established himself, in the spring of 1876, in New Britain, and soon was in command of a large trade, continuing for about twelve years as a contractor and builder in that city. He employed from twenty-five to 100 men and erected some of the best buildings of the city, building the New Britain opera house, three churches—the Universalist, the Swedish Lutheran and the German Lutheran—and a portion of St. Mary's church. He also put up many of the buildings for the Corbin works and the Stanley Rule & Level Company, built the Humanson & Beckley factory, and that of North & Judd, and was regarded for many years as the principal contractor of New Britain. During this time Mr. Pinches was gradually working into the business of manufacturing architectural and ornamental wood work, both inside and outside, and also bank and office furnishings and church seats. He has been engaged in the latter business for about eleven years, his trade extending throughout Connecticut and to New York and other neighboring States. At one time, when the P. & F. Corbin manufactured postoffice boxes, he did the wood work for them. He has built up a large and profitabe business, proceeding often along original lines and making for himself the trade which he has since enjoyed.

In politics Mr. Pinches is a Republican. While not active in political life he has represented the Fourth ward in the board of aldermen, serving on the committee on Street Encroachments as chairman, and as a member of the committee on Building Encroachments. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Centennial Lodge, Giddings Chapter, Washington Commandery and Sphinx Temple; is also a member of Putnam Phalanx, No. 4, of the Royal Arcanum; and of the Knights of Pythias.

John Pinches

In religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he holds the office of steward.

Mr. Pinches was united in marriage, May 14, 1874, to Miss Hattie L. Beckwith, daughter of Francis E. Beckwith, of Springfield, and they have had five children, as follows: John, Francis W., Charles Wesley, Richard B. and Robert P.

GEORGE FOOT LEWIS, the well-known and popular superintendent of the New Britain Water Supply Co., of Southington, was born in the Marion District of that town Dec. 29, 1833, a son of Luman and Patience Maria (Foot) Lewis. The father, who is still living, was born March 1, 1803, and was married Nov. 22, 1826, to Miss Patience Maria, daughter of Robert and Diadamia (Hitchcock) Foot. To this union were born the following children: Addie C.; George F.; Emma J., wife of Bernard Kennedy; James L.; Sarah M., wife of Joseph C. Long; and Dwight H.

Reuben Lewis, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born Aug. 16, 1772, and wedded Mary Hall, daughter of Curtiss and Rachel (Beecher) Hall, of Wolcott. She died June 19, 1843, aged sixty-eight years, and his death occurred March 28, 1836. His father, Capt. Nathaniel Lewis, was born in December, 1747, in Southington, and was married Feb. 15, 1769, to Sarah Gridley, who died Aug. 11, 1809. He lived on the mountainside in the eastern part of Wolcott, and was prominent in town and church affairs after it was set off from Southington. He died Feb. 24, 1839, and on his gravestone is inscribed "an honest man." He was a son of Nathan Lewis, who was born Jan. 23, 1707, and was married July 28, 1730, to Mary Gridley, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Humphrey) Gridley. He made his home in the Marion District of Southington, where he died Sept. 7, 1799. He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Lewis. Samuel Lewis was born Aug. 18, 1648, held the military rank of sergeant, and died Nov. 28, 1752. His father, William Lewis, was born in England, and in 1644 was a resident of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., where he served as the first recorder of the town after its incorporation in 1645. He was married (first) to Mary Hopkins, of Windsor, and (second) to Mary Cheever, of New Haven. His death occurred Aug. 18, 1690. He was a son of William and Felix Lewis, who came from England in the ship "Lion," and landed in Boston in September, 1632. He was admitted a freeman in November of that year, and joined the Braintree company, which in August, 1633, removed to Newtown (Cambridge). In 1636 he came with a company to Hartford, and in 1659 again moved, becoming one of the founders of Hadley, Mass., which town he represented in the General Court in 1662. He resided in Northampton, Mass., in 1664, and in 1677 removed to Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., where he died Aug. 2, 1683.

Reared in his native town, our subject was educated in its public schools and Lewis Academy, and in early life learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed more or less for fifty years. For fourteen years he was superintendent of the Southington town farm, and he was commissioner of highways from 1865 to 1880. From 1880 to 1892 he resided in New Britain, engaged as a stone mason, in contract work. In the spring of 1892 the Shuttle Meadow Reservoir construction was begun, and Mr. Lewis was appointed inspector. He also built the stone work, and on its completion was appointed superintendent of the company, which responsible position he has since most satisfactorily filled.

Mr. Lewis has been twice married. By his first wife, Amy A. Cowles, a daughter of Henry and Lydia (Thorp) Cowles, of Mt. Vernon, Southington, were born two children, Frank G. and Edwin H. For his second wife he married Mrs. Eilen Steele.

During the Civil war Mr. Lewis enlisted, Sept. 4, 1861, in Company A, 7th Conn. V. I., and he participated in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part. He was wounded in the battle of James river, and was taken prisoner at Morris Island, in the charge on Fort Wagner, being sent to Libby prison, where he was incarcerated for ninety-three days; he made his escape at the end of that time, and rejoined his regiment at Deep Bottom. In September, 1864, Mr. Lewis was honorably discharged at Fortress Monroe, and returned to his home. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Friendship Lodge, N. 33, F. & A. M., of which he has been an officer for eight years; of Trumbull Post, No. 16, G. A. R.; and of the Association of Ex-Prisoners of the Civil war.

JAMES HOLLEY. Among the brave men who helped to fill Connecticut's quota during the Civil war was this well-known citizen of New Britain, who spent three years in active service with the First Connecticut Light Battery. Of this courageous and efficient body of men Gen. Terry, of the Union army, once said:—"It may not have been the best battery in the service, but it was the best I have ever seen," and among his comrades Mr. Holley was recognized as one of the best gunners in the ranks. The energy and sagacity which placed him in the lead in his work as a soldier, have been applied no less successfully to his private duties, and for twenty-six years he has been connected with the Rule shop in New Britain, holding a responsible position as inspector and contractor.

Mr. Holley was born in 1843 in the town of Kingsbury, Washington Co., N. Y., and is of English descent in the paternal line. Three brothers of the name came from England at an early day and settled in Connecticut. Our subject's great-grandfather Holley resided for some time near

New London, but removed to Washington county, N. Y., when that locality was considered on the frontier line.

Benjamin Holley, our subject's grandfather, was born near New London, and was only six months old when his parents went to New York State, where he grew to manhood. He became the owner of a large farm there, in the town of Kingsbury, Washington county, and was one of the influential men of the locality in his day. He married and became the father of six children, viz.:—Daniel, our subject's father; Benjamin, who went to Cook county, Ill., and afterward settled elsewhere in that State; James, who became a farmer at Napoleon, Mich., where some of his descendants reside; Richard, a farmer at the homestead in Washington county, N. Y.; Lucy, wife of Mason Slade of Washington county, N. Y., and Betsey.

Daniel Holley, father of our subject, was born on the homestead, and as a young man was engaged in the lumber business, making a specialty of cutting large spars for ships. The spars were hauled to the Hudson and rafted to market, the business proving a profitable one. Later he engaged in general farming in his native town, where he owned about 120 acres of land, and for some years he was especially interested in raising cattle, horses and sheep, and in growing grain. He was a thrifty man, and had unusually good judgment, as his business success demonstrated, while he also as a Republican took an active interest in political questions. He died in December, 1890, in his eighty-fourth year, and his wife Rosella Vaughn, died in August, 1892, aged eighty-nine years. She was born in Rhode Island, of Holland ancestry, and her family was numerously represented in Washington county, N. Y., where a town was named in their honor. Six children were born to Daniel and Rosella Holley, as follows: Jane, who married (first) Lucius Ogden and (second) Charles Ferris, of Sandy Hill, N. Y.; Viola, wife of William Burnham, residing near the old homestead; Esther, who married Hiram Cole, both now deceased, George, a farmer in the town of Kingsbury, Washington Co., N. Y.; James; and Alfred, a farmer near the old homestead.

James Holley secured his education in the district schools at Sandy Hill, his attendance being limited to the winter months. As he was fond of reading he has added greatly to his early store of knowledge, especially in history, and he is well acquainted with the best fiction. At seventeen he began to learn the carriage maker's trade, passing the greater part of his apprenticeship in Windsor Locks. His work there was interrupted by his enlistment in the First Connecticut Light Battery, which was assigned to service in the Department of the South, and was under the command successively of Generals Foster, Stevens and Terry. After spending some time at James Island, S. C., they went to Fortress Monroe in 1864, and were sent up the James river with Gen. B. F. Butler's force, landing at Bermuda Hundred. Mr. Holley took part in the fighting in front of Petersburg, and was in the engagements at Dry Lane, Chester's Station and Proctor's, but was not injured. For two years he served as a gunner, declining opportunities for promotion, but at the time of his discharge he held the rank of corporal. The winter after his return he spent in driving a team, but in the spring he found employment with E. Horton & Son. For six years he was with the Bank Lock Co., and then a Mr. Bailey, a contractor in the Rule shop, employed him for a time, eleven months being spent in Hartford. Since that time he has been connected with the Rule shop, and at present he is a contractor in the plane department with eight men under his direction, and is also employed as an inspector in the same department. His efforts have brought him a good degree of success financially, and his industry and reliability are shown by the fact that he has been out of work just half a day since 1860. Politically he is a Republican so far as National issues are concerned, but he votes independently in local elections. As a good citizen he takes an active interest in municipal affairs, and in 1894-'95 he served as city collector, an elective office.

Mr. Holley married Miss Alice E. Eddy, daughter of Albert Eddy, of New Britain, formerly a resident of Forestville, Conn. Of their two children Grace R. married R. G. Cleveland, a druggist at Waterville, Conn.; and Flora is at home. The family is much esteemed in social life, and is identified with the work of the Methodist and Baptist Churches at New Britain. Mr. Holley is a leading member of the Order of United American Mechanics, and was one of the organizers of Euclid Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M., at Windsor Locks.

CHARLES F. CLEAVELAND, a leading merchant of Windsor Locks, has been in business for a quarter of a century, and his name has become a synonym for enterprise, thrift and foresight.

Mr. Cleaveland is descended from good New England ancestry and was born Nov. 8, 1856, at Stafford, Conn. Paine Cleaveland, his father, was born at Tolland, Conn., in 1831, and for some time was engaged in the blacksmith's trade at Stafford-Springs under the firm name of Cushman & Cleaveland, for many years he resided in Windsor Locks. For a few years after his removal to that town he was employed by the Farist & Windsor Steel Co., but later he became connected with the Windsor Locks Steel Co. He is an excellent citizen, and he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Church. During the Civil war he showed his patriotism by a year of service in the army, enlisting from Stafford in Company D, 25th Conn. V. I., under Capt. Foster. He married Miss Caroline A. Needham, a native of Wales, Mass., and has three sons: Orange, a deputy warden in the

Hartford county jail; Charles F.; and George A., a resident of Windsor Locks, who was formerly with Gordon & Stowe, of Norwich, and later with P. G. Gordon, of New London, in the paper stock business.

The education of Charles F. Cleaveland was begun in the schools of Stafford, and he also attended the public schools of Windsor Locks for a time. On April 1, 1873, at the age of sixteen, he entered upon his business career as a clerk in the general store of J. H. Adams, and so faithfully and well did he perform his duties that he was taken into partnership a few years later under the title of J. H. Adams & Co. Mr. Adams died Nov. 18, 1891, and on Dec. 17, 1891, Mr. Cleaveland purchased his interest, and has since carried on the business alone, with constantly increasing trade. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking an active part in local affairs, and at present he is serving as a member of the school board of his town.

In 1883 Mr. Cleaveland was married, at Holyoke, Mass., to Miss Mary E. Hunter, daughter of John Hunter, a well-known citizen of that place, and three children have blessed the union: Lottie A., Charles F., Jr., and Carrie A. Mr. Cleaveland and his estimable wife are prominent in social life, and are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Windsor Locks, Mr. Cleaveland being a member of the official board of the Church. He is an active member of Euclid Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M., of which he is treasurer.

GEORGE N. AHL, a young and much respected market gardener of East Hartford Meadow, Hartford county, was born in Greenfield, Mass., July 30, 1862, a son of Michael and Margaret (Stuckert) Ahl, natives of Germany.

Michael Ahl, son of John Ahl, was reared to farming in Germany, but when a young man sailed from Havre, France, for the United States, landed in New York, and thence went at once to Greenfield, Mass., where for several years he was employed in a cutlery factory. He then purchased a farm near Springfield, Mass., engaged in market gardening and general farming for several years, and finally came to East Hartford Meadow, Conn., purchasing a farm from Mr. Buddy, on which he still resides. In Massachusetts he married Margaret Stuckert, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, and to this union were born five children: John, who married Flora Fish, and is farming his land at Agawam, Mass.; George N., the subject of this article; Michael, who married Freda Schultz, and is also farming at Agawam; Henry H., who passed four years in Europe as a student in drawing and oil painting, and is now an artist of acknowledged merit, in Springfield, Mass.; and Louise, who is married to William Michael, and living in Bristol, Connecticut.

George N. Ahl, our subject, early came to East Hartford Meadow, attended the district school, and then the Brown school, in Hartford, after quitting which he went to the Agawam (Mass.) farm. There he lived until 1894, when he returned to East Hartford Meadow, where his father, some years previously, had purchased the home farm, on which he has since lived. On April 4, 1894, Mr. Ahl married Miss Ophelia Crouse, a native of Agawam, Mass., and a daughter of George and Augusta (Voegel) Crouse, and this marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Tryphena, born Nov. 26, 1895, a very bright and interesting child.

In politics Mr. Ahl is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker, neither has he ever been a member of any secret society; his religious associations are with the Congregational Church. He is successful as a gardener, is an excellent business man, and his quiet demeanor and pleasant manners have won him the respect of all who know him.

JOHN WARNER, a leading farmer and honored citizen of Wethersfield, was born in that town Sept. 1, 1835, a son of Levi and Sallie (Larkin) Warner.

Our subject attended the district schools of his native town and also the Wethersfield Academy, receiving a good English education, which has been of much practical benefit to him in later years. In early life he also became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and has made farming his life occupation. His home is on Broad street, and he is now especially interested in stock raising and tobacco culture, in connection with general farming. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he is well liked and highly respected, and has many warm friends throughout the county. Religiously he is a member of the Episcopal Church of Wethersfield, and politically is identified with the Democratic party.

On March 23, 1864, Mr. Warner married Miss Cornelia S. Dix, who was born Dec. 14, 1838, a daughter of William and Lucy (Barrett) Dix. She died Feb. 16, 1869, and was buried in Wethersfield. There were two children by that union: Ralph Dix, born May 9, 1865, died Dec. 10, 1891; and John, born Aug. 12, 1867, died April 20, 1868. Mr. Warner was again married, Nov. 26, 1872, his second union being with Miss Catherine E. Bulkley, also a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of Frederick and Nancy B. (Riley) Bulkley, whose ancestors were early settlers of that town. Capt. John Riley, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Warner, was married in Rocky Hill, and he and his wife had the following children; Nancy B., born July 16, 1792, was married Oct. 6, 1814, to Frederick Bulkley, and died Dec. 24, 1857; Lucy, born Dec. 29, 1796, died July 6, 1824; Seth, born Oct. 4, 1797, died in New York in September, 1850; Horace, born Sept. 29, 1798, was married May 14, 1835, to Grace Hudson See, and died May 12, 1842; John, born in 1800, was married

April 2, 1823, to Eliza S. Larkins, and died Nov. 18, 1845; Lydia, born May 10, 1804, was married Jan. 31, 1837, to Richard Smith, and died Nov. 14, 1877; Maria, born Jan. 27, 1800, was married in Detroit, Mich., to Joseph Peters, and died July 5, 1841; Louise, born Aug. 1, 1808, died unmarried Nov. 9, 1882; and James, born Sept. 2, 1810; was married in May, 1834, to Charlotte A. Derrie.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warner were born three children: Kate Bulkley, born Oct. 11, 1873, was married Oct. 12, 1891, to James N. Hale, and died Aug. 23, 1893. Gertrude Edwards and Grace Chetwood, twins, were born Dec. 7, 1875, and the latter died Oct. 19, 1896. The former is a graduate of the Wethersfield high school. Mrs. Warner and her daughter are ladies of culture and refinement, and are quite prominent socially in the community where they reside. They hold membership with our subject in the Wethersfield Grange, and Mrs. Warner is an earnest member of the Congregational Church.

JOHN CHRISTIAN NIELSON. Scarcely more than ten years ago the subject of this sketch, a native of Denmark, who had just served his time in the army of his fatherland, landed in New York with $20 in his pocket, his entire fortune. A stranger in a strange land, with no trade, and only some knowledge of Danish farming, his best and only capital was the determination within him to grow in prosperity as an American citizen. He is yet a young man, but is succeeding beyond expectation.

Mr. Nielson was born in Denmark Jan. 14, 1865, son of Christian and Annie (Peterson) Sieerskil. His father, born in 1833, was a lifelong farmer of Denmark, prosperous and industrious. John Christian received a good common-school education in his native land, and remained on his father's farm until he arrived at the age of twenty. He then entered the army, to serve the prescribed term, and afterward worked two years as a farm hand for Yans Larson, receiving $65 per annum, besides board and clothes. Determining to come to America, the young man sailed May 15, 1889, on the steamer "Iceland," from Copenhagen. He arrived at New York June 1, and the next morning expended a portion of his $20 capital in the purchase of a ticket for passage by boat to Hartford. After visiting a cousin there, Peter Peterson, for about a week, our subject found employment on a farm in Simsbury owned by a Mr. McRoy, a blacksmith. He remained there three months, and then for six months worked for the Belting Co. Subsequently, for two years, Mr. Nielson worked as a farmer in Unionville.

Ambitious to become his own employer, Mr. Nielson in 1892 rented a farm of Henry C. Rice, in Farmington, and operated it successfully for six years. They were years of the closest application to the duties of the farm, and by the energy and intelligence which he placed into the work the lease proved quite profitable to our subject. From a farm hand to tenant was one step, from tenant to land owner was another, and the latter step Mr. Nielson took in 1898, by the purchase, on Feb. 27, of a farm of eighty-five acres in Newington. Besides operating his land, raising large quantities of corn, potatoes, etc., for he is a man of unusual energy and industry, Mr. Nielson conducts a large milk business in New Britain. His farming has already proved highly profitable, and its success is due to the fact that he attends strictly to his business, and never tires of its labors.

Mr. Nielson was married, May 29, 1894, to Miss Elizabeth Margaret Sweeney, of Hartford, a native of St. Thomas, Canada. To our subject and wife two children have been born: Jessie Rice and Annie Marie. Mr. Nielson has become an earnest and enthusiastic American citizen. He endorses the principles of the Democratic party, but in the choice of local officials votes for the man he thinks best fitted for the place. By his business ability and industry our subject is rapidly making his presence felt in the community in which he lives, and is regarded as one of its best type of citizens.

WILLIAM C. UPSON is a wide-awake and enterprising business man of Southington, a member of the firm of Upson Brothers, the leading grocers of the place. He was born in that town June 9, 1859, a son of Capt. Andrew and Elizabeth L. (Gridley) Upson, of whose ancestry a full account is given in connection with the sketch of Frank R. Upson, on another page of this volume.

Our subject was educated in the Lewis Academy, and in 1876 began his business career as clerk in a grocery store, being thus employed until June, 1883, when he formed a partnership with his brother Frank R., and has since engaged in the grocery trade on his own account, with most gratifying results. On May 24, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie E. Sutliff, a daughter of Lucas and Harriet E. (Langdon) Sutliff, of Southington, and to them have been born two children: Clifford Andrew and Kenneth Sutliff.

Mr. Upson has been a member of the Southington fire department since its organization, first as private of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; as first assistant foreman six years; as foreman; and in January, 1898, was appointed chief engineer of the Department. He is quite popular in social circles, and is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F.; Wonx Tribe, No. 28, I. O. R. M., in which order he holds one of the State offices; and S. S. Woodruff Camp, S. of V. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

RAYMOND S. CASE, treasurer of the Case Manufacturing Company, is one of the most progressive, enterprising and energetic business men of Unionville. Although he is still a young man

Raymond Case

his popularity in business circles is established on a firm basis—that of his own well-tested merit. In 1889 A. Willard, A. Welles and C. Frank Case established in Unionville the Case Manufacturing Company, buying the Cowles' paper-mill, and in October, 1898, the company was incorporated with A. Willard Case as president; C. Frank Case, vice-president; Raymond S. Case, secretary and treasurer. They do a large and profitable business as manufacturers of paper.

Our subject was born in Manchester, Hartford county, October 16, 1875, and is a son of A. Willard Case, of that place. He attended the public schools of Manchester for some time, was also a student in the Hartford Public High School, and began his preparation for Brown University under a private tutor, but was obliged to give up study on account of his eyesight. For three years thereafter he held the position of general manager in the Windham Paper Company's mill at Chaplin, Conn., and in September, 1897, was made manager of the mill at Unionville, with which he has since been connected. He still holds that responsible position in connection with that of secretary and treasurer of the company, and under his able management the mill has proved quite profitable. In Somerset, Mass., Mr. Case was married, in June, 1898, to Miss Ethel Bernice Leonard, a daughter of Henry B. Leonard, proprietor of the Mt. Hope Iron Works.

JOSEPH P. NORTON, an enterprising and successful young agriculturist of East Windsor, is the manager of a fine homestead of 150 acres near Broad Brook and another tract of fifty acres near Windsorville, and his able management has won him an enviabe reputation. As a citizen he has shown himself to be public-spirited, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability, have already called him to an official position, as selectman, seldom given to one of his age.

Mr. Norton was born Aug. 11, 1870, on the homestead, son of Peter and Bridget (Concannon) Norton, who had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. Our subject was reared to farm work, and his education was begun in the schools of Broad Brook, but he also attended a night school in Hartford for some time. Like many farmers' sons he thought country life uncongenial, and at the age of nineteen he began the study of telegraphy, in which he became so proficient that when only twenty years old he was appointed agent and operator at South Windsor. This position he held four years, but in the meantime the wholesome life of a farmer assumed a more attractive aspect in his mind, and on giving up telegraphy he returned to the old homestead, where he has since been engaged in general farming and tobacco culture. From his youth he has been an ardent Democrat, and in 1897 he was the candidate of that party for the office of third selectman, to which he was duly elected in company with George A. Ellis and H. W. Talcott.

In 1897 Mr. Norton was married to Miss Augusta Krah, and one child, Margaret, has blessed the union. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he and his estimable wife are active members of the church at Broad Brook.

NELSON STAPLES, the leading merchant of East Glastonbury, is a veteran of the Civil war and has made an enviable record for good citizenship.

Mr. Staples was born in East Glastonbury Jan. 4, 1840, son of Shubael Staples, and grandson of Septius Staples, a native of New York who settled in Hebron, Conn, and was employed there at various occupations during the later years of his life. Shubael Staples, our subject's father, was born in Hebron and was one of a large family of children. As a young man he engaged in any work that would bring an honest dollar and for many years he was employed in Spark's (now Crosby's) mill at East Glastonbury, where he died. He married Miss Fannie Valentine, a native of that town, who survived him. They had two children: Nelson, and Elizabeth J., wife of Dewitt C. House, of East Glastonbury, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, who is employed in Crosby's mill.

At the time of our subject's birth the family occupied the place where Henry Lingler resides, but the old house has since been torn down. He attended the district schools and a select school which was conducted in the basement of the Methodist church, and at eighteen years of age began to earn his own livelihood in the factory of the Curtisville Manufacturing Co., at Naubuc, then Curtisville. He worked by the piece, and, being industrious, managed to make fair wages. After one year he went to Cobalt, Middlesex Co., Conn., to work in a factory owned by Bailey & Brannon, remaining six months. He then went to Hartford and was employed for a short time by Rogers & Co., in their silver plating establishment, and later he was employed in the finishing department of the Crosby Manufacturing Co., at East Glastonbury. While there he responded to his country's call for defenders, enlisting, in 1862, in Company G, 25th Conn. V. I., under the late Capt. Chas. Talcott. He served in the Louisiana Campaign under Gen. Banks, and although the regiment was organized for nine months service they were kept out over a year, our subject being absent from his command only one day. They were mustered out in Hartford, in 1863, and Mr. Staples returned to his place in the mill, where he worked continuously until September, 1894. He became an expert finisher and after leaving that place he worked in factories in Mystic and New Britain for a couple of years, but finally returned to East Glastonbury to engage in business on his own account. He built his present building and opened a general store, the largest in the place, and his increasing

trade is an evidence of his promptness, thoroughness and honesty.

On Nov. 23, 1864, Mr. Staples was married to Miss Katherine J. Andrews, who was born Dec. 21, 1844, in South Glastonbury, daughter of Albert and Alvira (Dickinson) Andrews. Her father is a joiner and farmer of East Glastonbury, and a highly-esteemed citizen. Four children were born of this union: (1) Edith J. married Raymond Russell, a salesman in Hartford, and they have one daughter; (2) Everett M. married Florence Andrews, and resides in New Britain, where he is employed as a brick layer; (3) Frank W. married Alice Judd, a native of New Britain, and resides at the homestead, assisting his father in the work of the farm and store. (4) Miss Myrtis Belle is at home.

Mr. Staples is a Republican in politics, and has held the office of justice of the peace. He is a member of Stanley Post G. A. R., of New Britain, and he and his wife are prominent members of the M. E. Church of East Glastonbury, of which he is now steward.

HENRY FRICKE, an honest, hard-working German farmer of East Hartford Meadow, Hartford county, was born in Prussia, Germany, March 10, 1835, and was a young man not yet of age when his father, also named Henry, who was a mason by trade, was called away by death, leaving some property to his widow and four sons.

Henry Fricke, the subject of this sketch, received a common-school education in his native kingdom. Soon after the death of his father he sailed, in company with his mother and three brothers, Frank, Augustus and Charles, on board the ship "Wayland," from Bremen for New York; after a voyage of forty-nine days they arrived at their destination, in the fall of 1854. From New York the family came at once by steamboat to Hartford, Conn., and rented a dwelling. Our subject, being the eldest son, immediately sought and found work, having learned the trade of mason under his father, and was thus the main support of the family as long as they lived together, which they did until his marriage, the younger brothers in the meantime having found employment at various occupations, and by degrees became something more than self-supporting.

Henry Fricke married, at Hartford, Miss Mary Stein, a native of Switzerland, who was but four years of age when brought to the United States by her parents. After marriage Mr. Fricke continued his residence in Hartford until failing health obliged him to abandon the mason's trade, and he resorted to the collecting of paper stock and also dealt in tinware, a line of business he has since followed. Since coming to East Hartford Meadow he has, in addition to his paper stock business, buying, etc., carried on farming, owning a seventy-four-acre tract of fine land.

In religion Mr. and Mrs. Fricke are Protestants, in which faith they are rearing the seven children who have blessed their union: Edwin, Albert, Everett, Lillian, Robert, Oscar and Florence. In politics Mr. Fricke was once a Democrat, but is now a stanch Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Beethoven Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Germania Association, both of Hartford. Mr. Fricke is still a well-preserved man, although he has done a great deal of hard work, and his life in America has been so upright and industrious as to win for him the warm esteem of all who know him.

CHARLES FRICKE, a highly-respected farmer, live stock and poultry raiser, and tobacco grower, of East Hartford, was born in Saxony, Prussia, Feb. 3, 1840, the youngest of the four children born to Henry Fricke, of whose family more may be found in the sketch of Henry Fricke, above.

Charles Fricke attended school in his native land until fourteen years of age, as the law requires, and was fourteen years old when he arrived in the United States, on the ship "Wayland," in company with his mother and three brothers. On arriving in Hartford the family took up their residence on Front street, and in that city young Charles worked at various callings—at harness-making, in a restaurant, and in a bakery, and for awhile for Smith, Bowen & Co., at Hartford, until his mother bought the present farm in East Hartford from Adam Boardman, and built sheds, barns, etc.; on this place she passed the remainder of her life. Here Mr. Fricke grows about three acres of tobacco annually, besides carrying on general farming operations, as indicated at the opening of this brief article. He is very industrious and thrifty, and is quiet and retiring in disposition.

In politics Mr. Fricke is a Republican, but has never sought office; in religion he is a Lutheran. He is still a bachelor.

GUSTAVUS ARNURIUS, an industrious and prosperous farmer of Hockanum, town of East Hartford, was born in Saxony, Germany, Dec. 11, 1825, a son of Gottlieb and Fredericka (Sanders) Arnurius.

Gottlieb Arnurius was a mason by trade. He was a corporal in the German army, fought against Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, and after a charge against a battery on a hill there were left of his regiment but himself and one comrade; for his bravery on this and other occasions he was decorated with an iron cross, a silver cross, and a "war medal." He and his wife both died in Germany. Their family were: One who died in infancy; Carl, who also died young; August, who came to the United States (with our subject), and was drowned in the Fraser river, Colorado, with seven or eight others; Gustavus, whose name opens this sketch; and Frederick, a public singer of continental reputation, who died in Germany.

Gustavus Arnurius attended the public schools of his native country, in accordance with the law, until fourteen years of age, and was then employed in the silver mines until their humidity brought on rheumatism, and he was obliged to quit. He then went to Berlin, where he learned lock-making, and later the machinist's trade, at which he worked in the large shops in Borcig until March 18, 1848, when, the Revolution having broken out, he returned home, having determined to come to America. He started for Hamburg, via Berlin, and in the latter city was arrested by mistake, but was soon released, with profuse apologies, and sent on his way. From Hamburg he sailed for Liverpool, England, there embarked on the sailing vessel "Jamestown," and after a voyage of seven weeks, during which a mutiny took place, landed in New York City, July 4, 1850. Unable to find employment, and being without money (as he had been robbed soon after his arrival), "Not even a cent to buy a glass of water, if it would have cost that much," he found his way to Hartford, where he was engaged first at $1 per day for a month, then at $1.25, and then, being an expert machinist, at much better wages, so that, at the close of a year, he had saved $600. His board and lodging cost him from $8 to $9 per month, and his washing and mending he did himself. He was thus enabled, in 1851, to send to Germany for his sweetheart in Berlin, Francisca Schultz, who was born in that city May 13, 1831, and who sailed from Hamburg for America as soon as practicable; she was seven weeks on the voyage, came to East Hartford, and their wedding took place July 13, 1851.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnurius started housekeeping in Hartford, lived there a year, and then settled in East Hartford, where he purchased twelve acres of his present farm, to which further allusion will be made. He left Colt's machine shop at Hartford in 1861, and was employed in the armory at Springfield, Mass., where he earned from $90 to $100 per month, and, as no work was too fine for him, he was retained for three years; he then returned to Hartford, where he was again sought for, and was employed in Colt's Armory two years longer, when he bought the farm where he has resided ever since. His original tract of twelve acres Mr. Arnurius increased to nineteen, but has since sold a part of it. His first habitation here was in a somewhat dilapidated condition, as the snow and rain beat through the roof, but in 1859 he erected a substantial and handsome dwelling, which he still occupies.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnurius, as follows: Anna died in young womanhood; Emma also died young; Oscar, a skilled mechanic, was for a time superintendent of the Eddy Machine Co.'s Electric works in Windsor, but is now employed in Hartford; Armand died young; Bertha was married to Howard Cox, and became the mother of one child, Frances Myrtle, who is now living with Mr. Arnurius, the mother having passed away; Osmond died in infancy; and Hattie is living with her parents. Mr. Arnurius and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics Mr. Arnurius is a Republican in his predilections, being neutral, however, in local matters. Fraternally he is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. R. M. lodge at Hartford.

Mr. Arnurius is a good, earnest citizen, has reared his family in respectability, and has all his life been temperate, industrious and frugal, and the fact that he has made himself what he is to-day, notwithstanding the fact that he began life in America without one cent, well entitles him to the high regard and unfeigned esteem in which he is everywhere held.

JOHN SHIELDS, a greatly respected and prosperous farmer, stock raiser and tobacco grower of East Weatogue, town of Simsbury, Hartford county, was born in County Down, Ireland, the only son in a family of four children born to Adam and Martha (Jameson) Shields, natives of the same county, and members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was an industrious farmer, in moderate circumstances.

John Shields, our subject, received but a limited education in the common schools of his native county, as, being the only son, he was needed at home to aid his father, and he also assisted on the farms of the neighbors, thereby contributing to the support of the family, with which he remained until 1869, having in the meantime married, an event to which allusion will be made further on. In the year mentioned Mr. Shields felt it incumbent upon himself to better his condition, so far as this world's good are concerned, and with this object in view he sailed from Liverpool with his wife and child, on the steamer "Virginia," and in due course of time landed safely in New York, from that city coming to Bloomfield, Hartford Co., Conn. Here he found employment as a farm laborer, and worked for one man seven years, at $400 per year, leaving in the hands of his employer, during this period, $980, for which he took a note, having full confidence in his employer's honor. No doubt this confidence was not misplaced, but still it was disastrous, as the gentleman died, and when the estate was settled Mr. Shields was compelled to accept one-third of his claim, thus losing over $600 of his hard-earned money. From Bloomfield Mr. Shields removed to West Hartford, where he secured the superintendency of Charles Pond's farm, which position he held thirteen years. By strict economy he accumulated sufficient means to buy a fifty-five-acre farm at East Weatogue, Simsbury town (on which he settled in 1889), formerly belonging to George Phelps. Here Mr. Shields engaged in tobacco growing, dairying and general farming, and a few years later bought eighty acres from Hon. J. O. Phelps, adjoining his first purchase, and with his sons is now cultivating the entire tract of 135 acres, on which

he has erected a fine tobacco shed and made many other improvements.

The marriage of Mr. Shields to Agnes Ritchie took place in the town of Kilinchy, County Down. She was born in the same county, a daughter of James and Ann (Hayes) Ritchie, also natives of County Down. Mrs. Shields is a woman of intelligence, and her husband's success through life is largely attributable to her helping hand and economical habits. To this marriage have been born six children: James, who was born in County Down, Ireland, and was brought to America by his parents when a child, was educated in the district schools of Hartford county, Conn., and is now assisting his father on the farm (he is married to Lizzie Oliver, of Hartford); John Adam, Agnes Mary, William Hamilton, Samuel and Lizzie Martha are all still at home.

In politics Mr. Shields and his eldest son are Republicans, and in religion, although reared in the Presbyterian faith, Mr. Shields, with his family, affiliates with the Congregationalists, and regularly attends their house of worship. Mr. Shields is noted for his honorable conduct and straightforward methods of dealing with his fellow citizens, and is of a very genial disposition, although very quiet and unassuming in manner. He has reached his present position in life through his skillful management, industry and strict integrity, and well deserves the high esteem in which he is held by all his neighbors.

LINUS CORNWALL, a well-known farmer and cider manufacturer of Berlin, Hartford county, has for many years been actively identified with the business interests of that locality. Although he has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, he has the vigor of a much younger man, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. Old age is not necessarily a synonym of weakness or inactivity.

Mr. Cornwall was born in the Westfield District of Middletown, Conn., Jan. 30, 1820, and belongs to a family which was founded in Middlesex county in 1650. His ancestors were of English descent. One was a sergeant in the Pequot Indian war, and his great-grandfather, Lieut. Nathaniel Cornwall, was an officer in the Revolution, in which conflict three of his sons were killed. Our subject's grandfather, who also bore the name of Nathaniel, was one of the first farmers of Middlesex county, and was a large land owner. The father, David Cornwall, was born in Middletown in 1783, and died at the comparatively early age of forty-four years. He also followed the occupation of farming, and acquired about seventy-five acres of land. It is believed that if he had lived he would have become quite wealthy. He married Prudence Johnson, who was born in Middletown in 1790, a daughter of Elijah Johnson, and died in 1864.

Our subject was reared on the home place, and received a fair education in the public schools of Middletown, which he attended during the winter months, while throughout the summer he aided in the labors of the farm. At the age of seventeen years he went to New Haven, where he clerked in the grocery store of his uncle, David T. Johnson, for about a year, working practically for his board and clothes, as he received very little money. Returning home, he assisted in the operation of the farm for about ten years, and then again went to New Haven, where he worked for his uncle at the joiner's trade about a year, and later for others in the same line of work. Subsequently he was two years in the employ of the Derby Building & Lumber Co., of Derby, Conn., and then speculated in cattle for about a year. As he was a natural mechanic, he next embarked in wagon and carriage building with his brother-in-law, in East Berlin, under the firm name of Cornwall & Dickson, which partnership lasted about one year, and he then purchased the carriage and wagon works and blacksmith shop of John Graham, deceased, on Berlin street, where he carried on business until his plant was destroyed by fire, in 1865. After renting and operating a farm for a short time, he leased the Amos Botsford property, and turned his attention to the raising of tobacco. He also dealt in that commodity to a considerable extent, and the venture proved quite profitable. He now owns a fine farm of 100 acres in Berlin, which is under excellent cultivation, and in 1870 purchased a cider-mill which adjoins his property, and which he has since successfully operated, manufacturing cider for others, as well as using the apples from his own ten-acre orchard in this way.

In September, 1852, Mr. Cornwall married Miss Sarah Ellen Platt, who was born in Milford, Conn., in 1830, a daughter of Col. Platt. To them were born eight children: Ida May, born in 1863, a widow, residing at home; William Platt, who died in Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry, who resides at home; Edward, who married a lady named Elton, and is now connected with the Stanley Rule & Level Co., in New Britain; Lillie Maria; David Tryon; Linus, born Dec. 12, 1864; and Lottie Elizabeth.

At National elections Mr. Cornwall supports the Republican ticket, but in town politics usually votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for the office. He has been offered the position of selectman, but does not care for office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. He is a great reader, and is well informed on National affairs and subjects of general interest. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and both he and his wife attend the Congregational Church.

JULIUS BULKLEY. This prominent citizen of Rocky Hill is a son of Henry W. and Martha (Tucker) Bulkley, who had a family of five sons and four daughters, Julius being eighth in the order of birth. He was born Oct. 13, 1857, in the town

with whose interests he has been for many years identified. His father died while he was a mere youth, and at the age of sixteen he began work as clerk in a store at Glastonbury. After four and one-half years spent thus, the recollections of his old home brought him back to Rocky Hill, where he engaged in farming. Besides his line of general work he is an extensive fruit grower, having a large and valuable peach orchard.

Mr. Bulkley was married, Jan. 22, 1890, to Miss Dorothy Stephens, who has borne him three children—Herbert C., Julius William and Jessie D. Mr. Bulkley is a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in Rocky Hill town, and has been singularly successful in all that he has undertaken, having brought to bear upon every enterprise both native ability and trained judgment. In politics he belongs to the Republican party.

THOMAS DENNIS, Jr., a well-known brick manufacturer and enterprising business man of West Hartford, was born in Haverstraw, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1856, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Wise) Dennis, natives of England, where the father was engaged in the manufacture of brick for some time.

At the age of thirty Thomas Dennis, Sr., emigrated to the New World, and located in Haverstraw, N. Y., but he now makes his home in Newington, Hartford Co., Conn., where he has been extensively engaged in the brick business for about a quarter of a century. In his family are nine children: William H. and James, both residents of Newington; Sarah Ann, wife of George Walker, of New Britain, Conn.; George, also a resident of New Britain; Thomas, our subject; Annie, wife of George Rollings, of Berlin, Conn.; Joseph, of West Hartford; John E., of Newington; and Elizabeth, wife of William King, of West Hartford.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Haverstraw, N. Y., and Newington, Conn., and during his youth learned the art of brick making with his father at the latter place. In 1889 his father and brother James came into possession of the plant of the West Hartford Brick & Ice Co., and Thomas, Jr., has since had charge of the same as superintendent, a position he has most capably and satisfactorily filled. The firm name is now Dennis & Co. Our subject has been a resident of West Hartford for the past ten years, and has become widely and favorably known in this section of the county. In New Britain, Conn., he married Miss Eliza Orton, and they have five children: Eddie, Wallace, Mabel, Gracie and Oliver.

OLIVER A. BECKWITH, Jr., a prominent and influential citizen of Unionville, who is now living practically retired from business cares and responsibilities, was born in Bristol, Hartford Co., Conn., July 28, 1851, and is a son of Oliver A. Beckwith, Sr., whose birth occurred in the town of Burlington, Hartford county, in 1826. The grandfather, Lot Beckwith, was a resident of Burlington in early manhood, from there removed to Newington, and later took up his residence in Canton, where he died. He was one of the original clock peddlers selling in the South, but for many years his time and attention were devoted to farming and butchering in Canton. He married Miss Marian Allyn, whose father was a sea captain, and to them were born four children: Oliver Allyn, the father of our subject; Marian, deceased wife of Samuel F. Stevens, of Detroit, Mich., by whom she had one son, Frederick B.; Samuel, deceased; and James, who died in infancy.

Oliver A. Beckwith, Sr., was reared and educated in Newington and Canton, and was one of the early commercial travelers from Boston, handling gents' furnishing goods. At one time he conducted the Union Trading Company's store for the Clock Companies in Bristol, and later a store for the Bristol Copper Mining Company at that place. He then engaged in mercantile business on his own account in Collinsville, Conn., from 1860 to 1889, and subsequently had charge of the book and stamp department for the Banner Tobacco Company at Detroit, Mich., but is now living retired with his son in Unionville. He has taken quite a prominent part in public affairs, and while a resident of Collinsville served as deputy sheriff of Hartford county. He was married, in Hartford, to Miss Sarah J. Thompson, a daughter of Silas Thompson. She died in Collinsville in 1894. They had three children: Oliver Allyn, Jr., our subject; Corinne B., wife of Jasper H. Bidwell, of Collinsville; and Minnie, deceased.

During his boyhood Oliver A. Beckwith, Jr., pursued his studies in the schools of Edgewood, Canton and Collinsville, Conn. After reaching manhood he was engaged in general mercantile business with his father for a short time, and then entered the employ of the Michigan Stove Company, of Detroit. On his return to Connecticut he worked for O. D. Hunt & Co., in Winsted, for a time, and later conducted a general store at Collinsville. In 1880 he came to Unionville, and after traveling for the Standard Rule Company about a year, he built the store now occupied by Adams Brothers, and engaged in general mercantile business there. Subsequently he was interested in the wall paper business, selling all over the State, but he is now living retired from business, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Beckwith was married, first, in Detroit, to Miss Carrie O. Perry, by whom he had one son, Oliver Russell, who is a graduate of the Collinsville high school, and was also graduated from Cornell University with the class of 1898; he read law with T. C. Maltbie, in Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar in 1899. For his second wife our subject married Miss Martha E. Fuller, of Unionville, a daughter of George H. Fuller, and to them has also been born one son, Royce Edward. Fra-

ternally Mr. Beckwith is a member of the Order of United American Mechanics. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe and over the greater part of the United States, and has acquired the knowledge and culture which only travel can bring. Travel and his social, genial nature have made him an enterprising companion, and he is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship, and devoted to those who have his confidence.

HENRY HALSEY, a representative and prominent agriculturist of the town of Windsor, was born Sept. 10, 1842, on the farm where he now resides, and is the only male representative of his generation of the family now living.

Mr. Halsey traces his ancestry back to Philip Halsey, who was born at Southampton, Long Island, N. Y., in 1760, a son of Zebulon and Sarah (Sayre) Halsey. He was a tanner and shoemaker by trade, and was one of the men who fought so bravely for the independence of the Colonies during the Revolutionary war. When independence was declared his regiment was on the retreat from New York, and, passing through Westchester county, N. Y., were discharged at White Plains. He started for home, but hearing that a company of British dragoons were in the vicinity of his father's house he and his comrades crossed the island to Oyster Point, then by boat crossed the Sound, and entered the Connecticut river. He made his way to Windsor, where he afterward married Esther Moore, a daughter of Elisha Moore, and to them came three sons: Philip, born July 6, 1783; Henry, our subject's grandfather, born Oct. 17, 1784; and James L., born Sept. 2, 1787. The father of these died in 1846.

Henry Halsey was a sea captain and in comfortable circumstances. He was three times married, first to Abigail Allyn, second daughter of Col. Job Allyn, and a sister of Timothy Allyn, who at one time was proprietor of the "Allyn House" in Hartford. The only child born of this union was Henry A., father of our subject. For his second wife Mr. Halsey married Laura, a daughter of Dr. Christopher Wolcott, and the widow of Capt. Ellsworth Mather. By this marriage there were two daughters: Mary Richards and Charlotte L. His third wife was Eunice Talcott. The grandfather died in Windsor.

Henry A. Halsey, father of our subject, was born at the foot of Stony Hill, in early life followed shoemaking and tanning near his home, and in later years engaged exclusively in farming. He received a fair education for his day, was a man of sound common sense and good judgment, well posted, and his opinions carried weight on almost any subject. He was one of the most prominent and popular men of his town, and most creditably filled the office of selectman for some time. In politics he was a Democrat. Physically he weighed about 130 pounds, and was rather thin. He married Miss Fanny Maria Ellsworth, a daughter of Giles Ellsworth, and the children born of this union were as follows: Abigail, wife of F. D. Hughes, of Larimore, N. Dak.; Fanny, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; Henry, our subject; Eunice, wife of Frederick Halsey, of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Ellen, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six.

During his boyhood and youth Henry Halsey pursued his studies in the Stony Hill district school, Windsor Academy, and also Deacon Woodford's private school for a few winters. He was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and remained at home until he entered the service of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion, enlisting in October, 1861, for nine months, in Company A, 22d Conn. V. I. While at Yorktown, Va., he was off duty for a short time on account of sickness, but with that exception was in active service with his regiment until honorably discharged, July 7, 1862. On his return home he worked for his father for a time, and in 1868 went to Long Branch, Neb., where his brother-in-law, Frederick Halsey, had located the year previous, and there he was engaged in farm work for four years. On his return to Connecticut, in 1872, he commenced farming on his own account upon rented land, and has since given special attention to the raising of tobacco, which has proved a profitable source of income to him. He has always resided upon the old homestead, but the house which his grandfather erected thereon was destroyed by fire April 8, 1890, and has since been replaced by our subject's present comfortable home, which was built on the same site.

On Dec. 25, 1878, Mr. Halsey was united in marriage with Miss Josephine C. Watrous, of Chester, Conn., and to them have been born two children: Harry A. and Howard P., both at home. Politically Mr. Halsey is a Democrat, but at town elections votes for whom he considers the best man, regardless of party affiliations. He is a quiet, unassuming man, upright and honorable in all the relations of life, and is one of the highly respected as well as substantial citizens of his community. His wife is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady.

JOHN J. O'MELIA, foreman of the East Windsor branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and also a prosperous tobacco grower of the town of East Windsor, was born in County Galway, Ireland, April 12, 1854, and is a son of John and Emily (Burke) O'Melia, the latter of whom is still living in Ireland at the age of sixty-five years. John O'Melia, father of John J., was a well-to-do farmer, and was entitled to the privilege of voting—a distinction accorded only those possessed of landed property. His wife's parents, John and Emily Frances (Blake) Burke, were also property owners and in good circumstances.

John J. O'Melia, the eldest of a family of six sons and five daughters, was educated in the parochial schools of his native county, and worked at farming and road contracting in Ireland until twenty-seven years of age, when, having saved from his wages sufficient money to pay for his passage, he embarked Feb. 21, 1881, at Queenstown, on board the steamer "City of Richmond," and after a not unpleasant voyage of eleven days landed in New York City, whence he came to Connecticut, and for seventeen months worked at farming for his uncle, Henry Burke, near Rockville, Tolland county, at $8 per month and board. He then went to work as a section hand on the section of the New York & New England railroad between Melrose and Rockville, and eleven months later was promoted to be foreman on the section between East Long Meadow and Springfield, Mass., being two months later transferred to the Melrose section on the Springfield division, on which he was employed until 1898, when he came to the East Windsor (Conn.) section.

On Feb. 13, 1897, Mr. O'Melia purchased the Chapin farm of 130 acres of very desirable land, one mile south of Broad Brook, Hartford county, and here engaged in tobacco growing, hiring help to do the labor, but overseeing the work himself; he still retains his position as a railroad employe, however, in which capacity he punctually performs his duties.

Mr. O'Melia was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Norton, a native of Broad Brook, and a daughter of Peter and Bridget Norton, and this union has been blessed with two children: Margaret Mabel and Emily Frances, who are being reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, the parents being members of St. Catherine's Congregation.

In politics Mr. O'Melia is an ardent Democrat, and, although the character of his employment prevents his taking an active part at the polls, he is always to be found at the caucuses and conventions of his party, in which his voice is frequently heard, and in which his labors have received the warm approbation of the party leaders. Mr. O'Melia is a thorough railroad man, is honest and industrious, and by these qualities has raised himself from the condition of a poor young man, with a capital of only one sovereign when he arrived in the United States, to the position of affluence, as well as influence, which he now enjoys.

ISAAC WHITE KING, a substantial citizen and prosperous farmer of South Windsor, has descended from ancestors on both sides who were early emigrants to New England and of its best citizens.

Mr. King is a descendant in the eighth generation from Capt. John King, of Northampton, Mass., the line of his descent being through Thomas, Thomas (2), Zebulon, Alexander, Roderick and John Newberry King.

(I) Capt. John King, the emigrant ancestor, was born in 1629 in Northampton, England. At the early age of sixteen, in 1645, he came to America, locating in Northampton, Mass. In 1656 he married Sarah, daughter of Deacon William Horton, theirs being the second marriage celebrated in the town. The town granted him a homestead on King street. At his suggestion, or in honor of him, it is thought, the town took its name. He was a tanner by trade, an estimable member of the Church and community, often serving as selectman. His wife died in 1683, and he was married again, this time to Sarah, widow of Jacob Mygatt, and daughter of William Whitney. Capt. King died in 1703, and his second wife passed away in 1705.

(II) Thomas King, son of Capt. John King, the emigrant, born in 1662, married for his third wife a lady who died in 1711, the year in which he himself died.

(III) Thomas King (2), son of Thomas King.

(IV) Zebulon King, son of Thomas King, born in 1717, married, in 1743, Keziah Loomis. She died in 1782, and he in 1793. He located in what is now South Windsor, Connecticut.

(V) Alexander King, son of Zebulon King, born in 1749, married, in 1781, Abigail Olcott. She died in 1837, and he in 1831.

(VI) Roderick King, son of Alexander King, born April 20, 1790, married, Dec. 26, 1813, Sally, daughter of John Newberry, who was born June 27, 1793. Both died in 1866, and were buried in one grave, he passing away January 17, and she January 20.

(VII) Hon. John Newberry King, son of Roderick King, and the father of Isaac White King, was born March 24, 1822. He married, Dec. 25, 1848, Julia Ann, daughter of Isaac and Adocia (White) Keeney, and a direct descendant of Perigrene White, who, it is said, was the first white child born after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Mr. King was one of the first to introduce tobacco growing in the town of South Windsor; was among the first to build tobacco sheds, and to engage extensively in the cultivation of that plant. He was one of the substantial men of his period, a man of good ability, excellent judgment and an all-round good and useful citizen. He was a farmer all through his active, busy life, which was lived in a manner worthy of his New England ancestry, and which is to the credit of his posterity. For many years he was active and prominent in the councils of the Democratic party of his section. He served that party on its central committee and in 1879 represented his town in the General Assembly of the State. He was prominently identified with the Masonic Fraternity, and was the principal mover in organizing Evergreen Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M., of which he was a charter member, and for a number of years its worshipful master. He was successful in the management of his business interests,

and accumulated a competence, holding considerable property mostly in his town, also in East Hartford. Mr. King died in 1895, aged seventy-three years. The children born to John N. and Julia A. (Keeney) King were: Isaac White, born Dec. 10, 1849; Wilbur J., born June 5, 1862, died in October, 1897; Julia Emily, born Nov. 2, 1855, married Frederick Hill, of South Windsor, Conn.; Louise, born June 6, 1858, is at home; and Louis, a twin of Louise, died in infancy.

Isaac White King, son of John Newberry King, was born Dec. 10, 1849, on what is now the E. B. Ripley farm in South Windsor, Conn. He received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, and then attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield. His main occupation through life has been that of an agriculturist, though for several years in the early 'nineties he traveled for a New York house, and for a time was in the service of the Erie Railroad Co. In his boyhood and early manhood the growing of tobacco in South Windsor was new to this section, and from its start he has from long experience become quite proficient in a knowledge of that branch of his vocation. In other words he understands tobacco growing most thoroughly, and is a thorough, all-round farmer. He has a farm of some 150 acres, which is a portion of the old home place owned by his father. The improvements which he has himself made are good, and the neat appearance of the surroundings give evidence of the taste and care of the occupant. Mr. King is a man of broad and liberal views which reading and an acquaintance with the outside world give one, and he is one of the foremost farmers of his section. He is prominent in both Masonic and Odd Fellow circles; is a member of Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., of Hartford; was formerly a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M., of South Windsor; is also at this time a member of Wolcott Council, and Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of Hartford, and of Connecticut Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of East Hartford.

On Sept. 7, 1875, Mr. King was married to Miss Emily L. Doten, who died Sept. 6, 1876; and on Dec. 28, 1880, he was married to Ida L., daughter of Henry J. and Flavilla (Goodrich) Abbey. She was born in Bingham, Maine. To this marriage have come two children:. Clinton Thomas and Victor Linwood.

CHARLES MORRIS WOOSTER, M. D., of Tariffville, town of Simsbury, is one of the most successful practitioners of medicine in Hartford county. He is a native of Bridgewater, Litchfield county, born Jan. 13, 1857, a son of Peter and Caroline (Morris) Wooster, the former a son of John Wooster, and the latter a daughter of Roswell and Laura (Canfield) Morris. Several famous physicians descended from the Canfield family.

Sergt. Edward Wooster, the emigrant ancestor of Dr. Wooster, of Tariffville, born in 1622, in England, was among the first settlers at Milford, Conn., about 1642. A General Court record, dated Oct. 24, 1651, granted him a piece of land free from taxation, provided he start the cultivation of hops. Of his first wife nothing seems to be definitely known, but history relates that he was connected with the family of Francis French, possibly by marriage. His first wife dying, he in 1669 married Tabitha, daughter of Henry Tomlinson, of Stratford, Conn. Twelve of his children are recorded as sharing in the distribution of his estate in 1694. Sergt. Wooster and three other families were the first settlers in Derby, Conn. (afterward Old Town), in 1654. For twenty years he was the leading man of the plantation. Sergt. Wooster, in locating at Derby, probably had in view the raising of hops on the meadow lands below Ansonia, which were well adapted for that purpose; and it was in pursuit of this object that he dug a trench from where the lower Ansonia bridge was down to the Meadow, where the bed of the Naugatuck now is, to irrigate that part of the meadow or low land, and by this race the river course became changed in about fifty years. Here in the deep wilderness Sergt. Wooster lived with his family and three neighbors some dozen years, trusting the Indians to a marvelous degree, little dreaming that his grandson and his family would be celebrated in greatness the world over, and that his own name thereby would go down in sublime honor to the end of the greatest republic ever established. His death occurred in 1689.

Timothy Wooster, son of Sergt. Edward, born in 1670, married, in 1699, Anna Perry.

Timothy Wooster (2), son of Timothy, born in 1699, married (first), in 1727, Abigail Harger, who died in 1736, and (second), in 1737, wedded Sarah Bowers, who died in 1749.

The grandson of Edward Wooster, the emigrant, referred to in the foregoing, was the distinguished Gen. David Wooster, of Revolutionary fame, and who had previously been of great service to his country in the earlier wars, bearing a distinguished part in the expedition against Louisburg in 1745. The General, himself a graduate of Yale College, married a daughter of Thomas Clapp, president of the college. Major-Gen. Wooster fell mortally wounded between Danbury and Redfield, in 1777, while serving his native country.

Jabez Wooster, born in 1728, son of Timothy (2), and the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Wooster, in 1774 bought land in the town of Bridgewater (then New Milford), and is described in the records as Lieut. Jabez Wooster. He seems to have been searching for mineral lands, as he laid out several tracts on Rocky Mount, Falls Mount and

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Wolf Pit Mount, and dug for iron, but without success. He also purchased a homestead a little east of the Housatonic river, about a mile south of the so-called Great Falls, which he leased to a company for 999 years, giving it the privilege of digging for minerals, of which he was to have a percentage, if any were found. He built a house on this land and engaged in farming, as did two generations following, and the old house, of old-style architecture, with the back roof slanting almost to the ground, is still standing. Jabez Wooster had two sons, Peter and Isaac.

Peter Wooster was born in 1762, and died Sept. 12, 1798. He married Betsey Canfield Jan. 16, 1787, and became the father of two children, John and Susannah.

John Wooster, the grandfather of Dr. Wooster, was born March 27, 1790, and was reared on his father's farm. When a young man he nearly lost his life through a log rolling over him, making an indentation in his skull, which caused pressure on the brain, but was successfully remedied by the then difficult operation of removing a small piece of the skull, the brain being afterward protected by inserting a silver shilling beneath the skin,and over the spot from which the piece of skull had been removed. He received a good common-school education, and early began teaching among the best of his time. As soon as he became of age he applied all his energies to the redeeming of his father's farm, and to the buying of his sister's interest therein, by farming in summer and teaching in winter for many years. He married Jerusha Lockwood, daughter of David and Sarah Lockwood, and became the father of four children, viz.: Mary E., Peter, David and Susan. Of these, Mary E. was married to Harmon Treat, and had six children, Helen J., Julia A., Emily A., D. Allen, Susan C. and H. Wooster. Peter, the second child of John, was the father of our subject. David, the third, first married Emily C. Sherman, by whom he was the father of three children, Edward S., Edith E. and John S.; the second wife of David was Mrs. Angie Boland.

John Wooster was a Whig in politics, and was once elected from the New Milford district to the State Legislature. He also held many of the town offices, including those of assessor, constable, justice of the peace and selectman, all of which he filled for years, and was often spoken of as the "Old Selectman." He settled up many estates in a most satisfactory manner, and in his record-keeping was systematic in every detail, no better accounts being kept by any of the incumbents of the offices which he held. In the prime of life he met with a second accident, which incapacitated him for hard labor, his knee being badly injured by his being thrown from a wagon, but his great popularity, strict integrity, and methodical habits kept him constantly in office until he retired from politics, at the time Bridgewater was incorporated. He was a firm believer in Christianity, and his wife was a member of the Congregational Church, which he also attended regularly, and to the support of which he freely contributed. A year or so before his last illness he retired from farming and went to live with his daughter Susan, at Bridgewater, where his death took place May 29, 1858.

Peter Wooster, father of the Doctor, was born in Litchfield county, and, with his three brothers-in-law, was an early manufacturer of hats at Bridgewater. He had been reared on the farm, but with his own resources started in the business mentioned, which he adhered to until his retirement, on a competency, having sold his interest in what was known as the Union Hat Co. to the Sanfords. To his marriage with Miss Caroline Morris were born three children: Laura, who was married to Richard Randall, and died in Bridgewater; Dr. Charles M., the subject of this sketch; and Edward R., who lives on the farm that the father retired to on relinquishing hat manufacturing.

Peter Wooster was a sound Democrat, and though no office seeker was elected to office at various times, twice representing Bridgewater in the State Legislature. He was selected as administrator of several estates, and was appointed guardian for many minor heirs. His name was synonymous with honesty, and when he spoke he weighed his words and meant what he said. Although he had received but a country-school education, he early became a school teacher, a student of theology and history, and was altogether a man of remarkable endowments. He was first a Congregationalist, but, on studying the doctrines of that church, he of his own volition changed his faith and united with the Episcopal Church, of which his wife was also a member. He was a well-built man, and weighed 190 pounds. Although of a retiring disposition, he was invariably called upon to address all public gatherings that he attended, being a most interesting talker. He wielded a powerful influence with his neighbors, always for good. Mr. Wooster lived to be over seventy years of age, and his wife died when just seventy.

Roswell Morris, father of Mrs. Caroline Wooster, mother of Dr. Charles M. Wooster, was born in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 27, 1795, and was the second of four children born to Amos and Eunice (Clark) Morris, the former of whom was born in Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 28, 1762. Roswell had two brothers, Levi and Curtis, and one sister, Martha, all born in Newtown, from which village the family removed to Bridgewater in the spring of 1800, Roswell being then five years of age. There they resided until 1833, when they removed to West Barrington, Mass., where the parents passed the last eight years of life, dying within four days of each other. Levi Morris married Polly H. Smith, and Curtis Morris married Abigail Curtis for his first wife, and Cynthia J. Frink for his second. Martha Morris was married to Orange Smith. To the marriage of Roswell Morris with Laura Canfield, daughter of John and Phebe

Canfield, Nov. 20, 1818, were born four children, of whom the eldest, Cornelia, was married to Henry B. Young, and became the mother of five children —Stanley M., Mary C., Calvert H., Frederick A., and Martha C.; Caroline, the second child, became the mother of Dr. Wooster, the subject of this sketch; Mary, the third child, was never married; and the fourth, Azra C., married Sarah E. Mallett, who bore him three children—Gertrude E., Mary A. and S. Eugenia.

The Morris family being of good Scottish stock, Roswell Morris inherited much of the shrewdness and intellectuality of that hardy race, and, like many of New England's sons, started in life with no other capital than his strong arms, a stout heart and a common-school education. He set out from his home in Bridgewater, Conn., then known as New Milford, and journeyed as far as New Jersey, walking most of the way. He taught school in that State one or two years, then returned to Bridgewater, and for a time worked on the farm of his elder brother, Levi. By degrees he paid for a farm a short distance west of Bridgewater, on which he passed the remainder of his life. But when he settled on his farm he did not relinquish teaching, in which profession he had attained a fine reputation, and for many winters taught the Center school. After school hours he would go into the woods with his team, and haul wood, often by moonlight. As a teacher he had the faculty of being as a boy with the boys when out of school, but once inside the school house door as rigid as iron. For many years Mr. Morris was constable at Bridgewater, and later was deputy sheriff, for the duties of which office he was well qualified, being strong, fearless, of quick perceptions and sound judgment.

An anecdote of the youthful days of Mr. Morris may not be out of place at this point, and will serve to illustrate his characteristic promptitude. During the war of 1812 he was plowing in the field, when his father came to him and represented that he had been drafted, and was wanted immediately. Roswell replied, "I am ready," and quickly unhitched his team. His father, perceiving that he was likely to get the worst of the joke, explained that he had been jesting, and requested the young man to hitch up again and resume his work; but Roswell replied, "If you have been trying that game, you will get no more work from me to-day."

Mr. Morris was always ready to do a neighborly kindness, such as to watch at the bedside of the sick, or to perform any personal service that could be of any benefit to another, and was very charitable to the poor when he had the means to aid that class. In politics he was a Whig, and at the death of that party became a Democrat. He held at different times almost every town office, and was often employed in the settlement of estates. When Bridgewater was incorporated he was elected one of its first selectmen, and rendered efficient service in making an amicable settlement between the new town and New Milford.

On Nov. 26, 1868, Mr. Morris celebrated his Golden Wedding, when there gathered about him neighbors, friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who presented him with a gold-headed cane. For many years Mr. Morris was warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, to which he was warmly attached, and held this position at the time of his death, Sept. 22, 1874. Late in life he was greatly afflicted with rheumatism, and suffered constant pain, but as long as crutches could help him to church he was in his seat.

Dr. Charles M. Wooster was reared in Bridgewater, where he attended a select school; he next attended the Adelphic Institute, at New Milford, where he was prepared for college, to pay his expenses at which he taught school in the meantime. He entered in 1875, took his early instruction in the study of medicine under Dr. Bacon, of New Milford, and Drs. Du Bois and King, of Bridgewater, and graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1879. He then came to Tariffville to locate temporarily, as his health was poor, but he liked the town and its inhabitants, and has made his home here ever since, having secured a lucrative practice.

Dr. Wooster married Miss Martha V. Adams, who was born in Tariffville Jan. 14, 1865, a daughter of Abel C. and Martha (Moore) Adams, a biography of whom appears on another page. She was educated at the ladies' seminary of Hartford, and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and is a highly cultivated and estimable lady. She has borne her husband two children—Laura Vivian and Charles A., and the family occupy one of the most beautiful homes in Tariffville, erected by the Doctor in 1898. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, of which he has been senior warden for several years.

In politics Dr. Wooster is a Democrat, but in 1896 advocated the gold standard as redemption money. He has the full confidence of his party, is popular with the public, and has been elected to several public offices, such as school visitor, health officer, medical examiner, etc. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Simsbury, the Hartford County Medical Society, and the Connecticut State Medical Society. The Doctor is an unassuming man, and inherits his father's rigid regard for his word; as a citizen his position is second to none, and as a practitioner he is foremost. He comes from a family that had in it no drunkards, no insanity, no stains or scandal of any kind, and he is himself setting a bright example, as his forefathers set, for coming generations.

DANIEL WEBSTER FISH. The highest type of American citizenship is produced on the farm, where conditions are such that the full and best energies of a man are brought into requisition in the ordinary pursuits of life. Daniel W. Fish, the subject of this sketch, was born on a farm, was

reared on a farm, and early in his boyhood days he became identified with the development of the farm. He has ever possessed that crowning quality of success, unfailing industry, and ranks among the best citizens of Newington.

Mr. Fish comes of an old New England family. His paternal great-grandfather, John Fish, came to Bloomfield, this county, and settled on a farm. He married Lydia Lathrop, who bore him six children: John, Electa, Nancy, Simeon, Miller and Lydia. Mrs. Fish lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Miller Fish, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Bozrah, Conn., June 5, 1792, was reared in Bloomfield, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, but engaged in farming. On March 6, 1822, he married Miss Ann Goodwin, daughter of Hezekiah Goodwin, and from 1824 to his death, in May, 1862, lived on the farm which his son, H. G. Fish, now owns. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Bloomfield. He had three children: Samuel, born Jan. 9, 1823, died Aug. 2, 1825; Samuel (2), father of our subject; and H. Goodwin, born June 1, 1828, a farmer of Bloomfield.

Samuel Fish, the father of our subject, was born in Bloomfield July 2, 1826, was reared to farming, and in his youth attended the local schools. He married Emeline, daughter of Daniel and Rhoda (Filer) Webster, of Bloomfield, and for thirty years engaged in farming and tobacco growing in Bloomfield. He then removed to Avon, where he followed tobacco raising until his death, July 2, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a stanch Democrat in politics. His wife was early in life a member of the Baptist Church, but later attended the Congregational Church. After the death of her husband she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Ellsworth, at West Hartford, until her death, at the age of sixty-six years. To Samuel and Emeline Fish were born children as follows: John H., of Newington; Sarah M., Mrs. John Ellsworth, of West Hartford; Daniel W., our subject; Augustus M., of Newington; Luella, who married George Nichols, and died at Avon; Norton, of Avon town; Dwight W., of Bloomfield; and; Edgar W., of Bloomfield.

Daniel W. Fish was born in Bloomfield June 20, 1852, and his boyhood days were spent on his father's farm. At the age of twelve years he went to work on the farm of Martin Holcomb, and there remained four years, after which he was employed for six consecutive years on the farm of Walter Cadwell, in West Hartford. Mr. Fish then removed to Newington, and there engaged in the meat and grocery business with his brother John H., continuing same until April 1, 1894, when the brothers dissolved partnership, our subject withdrawing from the business. He removed to the farm in Newington formerly owned by his father-in-law, Willis P. Davis, and has since successfully operated same.

Mr. Davis married Miss Martha Elizabeth Davis, who was born in Newington Sept. 19, 1850, daughter of Willis P. and Mary (Tucker) Davis, who were married Oct. 11, 1840, and who in 1841 came to Newington. Willis P. Davis was born April 2, 1816, and died Nov. 16, 1891. His wife, born July 14, 1822, still survives, and is living at the home of our subject. To David W. and Martha E. Fish have been born four children: Willis Samuel, July 7, 1880; Mattie Lucretia, Aug. 7, 1881; Mary Emeline, May 4, 1884; and Sarah Adeline, June 24, 1888. They are pupils at the Newington Center school, receiving the best educational advantages which the town affords. Mr. and Mrs. Fish and their older children are members of the Newington Congregational Church, of which he is at present sexton. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he is now serving as a member of the school committee. He is an industrious farmer, operating a place of thirty-seven acres of productive land, and raising largely corn, potatoes, and other vegetables. Mr. Fish has many friends, and in his personality typifies the high character of the Connecticut farmer and business man.

HARRY BROOKS CURTISS, a leading farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Southington, was born in the southern part of that town Nov. 26, 1821, and is a lineal descendant of William Curtiss, a native of England, who came to this country with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtiss, and located in Stratford, Conn., in 1639. There he died Dec. 21, 1702. He was known by the title of "captain."

(II) Zachary Curtiss, son of William, was born in Stratford in November, 1659, and married Hannah Porter, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Groves) Porter, of Windsor.

(III) Rev. Jeremiah Curtiss, son of Zachary, was born in Stratford in 1706, was graduated from Yale College in 1724, and was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Southington Nov. 13, 1728. On Jan. 7, 1730, he married Hannah Burnham, daughter of Rev. William and Hannah (Wolcott) Burnham, of Kensington.

(IV) Samuel Curtiss, son of Rev. Jeremiah, was born Nov. 15, 1737, and lived at Stillmore Corners, where he died May 15, 1801. For his first wife he married Margaret Root, and for the second wedded Mary Ann Day, a daughter of Aaron and Susannah (Stanley) Day.

(V) Leverett Curtiss, son of Samuel, and grandfather of our subject, was born in 1776, and was married, Jan. 25, 1796, to Ruth Barnes, a daughter of Asa and Sarah (Atkins) Barnes. He lived in the South End of Southington, where he died Oct. 12, 1826, and his wife on April 9, 1850, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years.

(VI) Carlos Curtiss, the father of our subject, was born in Southington Feb. 22, 1798, and was married, Oct. 29, 1820, to Jerusha Brooks, daughter of Benajah and Lydia (Johnson) Brooks.

Our subject has spent his entire life on the old Curtiss homestead in the South End of Southing-

ton, and his time and attention have been devoted to agricultural pursuits with good results. He is widely and favorably known, and his fellow townsmen hold him in high regard. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Copps, a daughter of Chester and Betsey (Holbrook) Copps, of Southington, and to this union have been two children, who reached years of maturity: Laura (wife of C. W. Blatchley) and William L.

WILLIAM L. CURTISS was born Feb. 24, 1856, and was reared on the home farm, early becoming familiar with every department of farm work. He was educated in the public schools and Lewis Academy, and since attaining his majority has followed market gardening with good success. He is a member of the Plantsville Congregational Church, and is an ardent supporter of the Republican party. On Feb. 21, 1880, he married Miss Cora B. Rugg, a daughter of Charles and Jane (Sloper) Rugg, and they have four sons: Carlos W., Fayette C., Harry R. and Kenneth W.

DEACON FRANKLIN BREWER (deceased) was in lifetime one of the most highly-respected citizens of East Hartford; and was of the fifth generation from Thomas Brewer, the founder of the family in Connecticut, who came from Lynn, Mass., and first located in Glastonbury, thence removing to East Hartford, where many of his descendants still reside.

Thomas Brewer, then, who may be designated as of the first generation in Connecticut, was born in Massachusetts in 1658, was married, July 13, 1682, in Glastonbury, Conn., his wife's name being Sarah, and had ten children: Mary, born July 25, 1684; Thomas, born Feb. 17, 1686-87, who married Sarah, daughter of Richard Goodale, May 4, 1710; Hezekiah, born Feb. 23, 1690; Sarah, born Dec. 9, 1692; Joseph, born March 20, 1694-95, who married Dinah Smith May 29, 1727; Benjamin, born Aug. 13, 1697; Daniel, born March 25, 1699, who married Eleanor Goodale, and in his diary, dated at that place Jan. 19, 1719, it is stated "Purchased one acre of land near the plains and adjoining river at Churchell's Landing, now Goodspeed, Portland, Conn., of Joanna Wilcox, 1727, and paid ten pounds;" Lydia, born July 27, 1701; Aome (or Naomi), born Sept. 28, 1703; and Alexander.

Alexander Brewer, of the second generation, was born Oct. 5, 1706, resided in Glastonbury, and died in Middletown in 1750, leaving his widow, Thankful, and his son, Joseph, as administrators of his estate, valued at £109, 8s. 6d. The children born to Alexander and Thankful Brewer were nine in number, and were named as follows: Thomas, Hezekiah, Joseph, Benjamin, Daniel, Mary, Sarah G., Lydia L. and Amy P.

Daniel Brewer, named above, of the third generation, married Mary Slate, and reared a large family, of whom Julius Brewer, father of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth child and son.

Julius Brewer, of the fourth generation, was born near the Connecticut river, west of High street, in Hockanum, in 1802, and was a repairer of shoes, a carpenter and a fisherman. On Dec. 31, 1820, he married Raechel Goodale, of East Hartford, who bore him seven children: Louisa Julia, widow of Louis Jackson, and residing in High street, Hartford; Martha, who is married to Frank Morton, of Wethersfield, a polisher by trade, now living in Hartford; Deacon Franklin, whose name opens this biographical sketch; Sarah, deceased wife of Comfort Bogue, who lived near New London; Maria, deceased wife of Charles Smith, who lived in Poquonock, in the town of Windsor; Jennie, wife of Charles Conant, a flour merchant of Boston; and Matilda, who married David Hills, and is residing in Hartford. Julius Brewer, father of these children, died Oct. 21, 1856, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louisa J. Jackson, in Hartford.

Deacon Franklin Brewer, of the fifth generation, was born in Hockanum Jan. 8, 1833, and was unfortunate in not receiving a proper education in childhood. His father was poor, and young Franklin was obliged to leave home at an early age to earn his living, and also to contribute to the support of the family. He was first employed by Daniel Winslow, near Hillstown, remaining in his employ several years, and on his return to Hockanum made his home with Edwin Brewer, his cousin, under whom he learned the bootmaker's trade (marrying in the meantime), and was engaged in this calling when the war of the Rebellion broke out. Patriotic to the core, he offered his services to defend the flag at the first call for volunteers, but an accident which he had in youth, a fall from an apple tree, incapacitated him for service in the army, and was a cause for his rejectment, very much to his disappointment. Later he was drafted, served sixteen days, and was then discharged on account of the same disability. The war destroyed the boot trade with the South, and during its continuance Mr. Brewer made his home with Anson Forbes, his father-in-law, but on the revival of the boot and shoe industry resumed his trade, made boots for Hunt, Holbrook & Barber, of Hartford, and so continued until he purchased, from the heirs of Mrs. Polly Forbes, his wife's grandmother, a tract of fifteen acres of land. He built tobacco sheds thereon, and in 1876 erected the dwelling now occupied by his widow and son, Clifford F. Here he engaged in tobacco growing and farming until the close of his life.

Deacon Brewer was joined in matrimony, Nov. 24, 1858, with Miss Esther Forbes, who was born Feb. 6, 1836, a daughter of Anson and Lucy (Porter) Forbes, descendants of old and respected families of East Hartford town. Anson Forbes was born July 30, 1806, and died in July, 1887; his wife was born Aug. 13, 1806, and survived until Nov. 1, 1881. Mrs. Brewer is one of the five children born to her parents, of whom two only are now living, Ellery S. (a farmer in Hockanum) and Mrs. Brewer. This marriage of Deacon Frank-

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lin and Esther Brewer was blessed with two children. Clayton A., born Dec. 15, 1869, who died Jan. 4, 1873; and Clifford F., born March 5, 1879. Clifford F. Brewer was educated in the East Hartford district and high schools, from which latter he graduated in 1895, in a class of nine, of which he was the treasurer. He then entered the Hartford Public High School, and was in the Junior class when the death of his father took place, and he was recalled home to take charge of the farm, which he has since conducted in a masterly manner.

Deacon Brewer, when young, united with the Methodist Church, but in later years joined the Congregationalists, of which denomination he became a deacon, and in the faith of which he passed away May 11, 1896, honored and beloved by all who knew him. He was a self-made man, and left to his widow and son a comfortable home, and a name of which they may well feel proud.

THOMAS S. HALL, a prominent resident of New Britain, is numbered among the self-made men of that thriving town, and, while his enterprise and ability reflect credit upon him, his successful efforts in his chosen line of business have helped in the development of the locality.

Mr. Hall was born Nov. 6, 1827, in Newbern, N. C., and is of English descent in the paternal line. Thomas F. Hall, his grandfather, was born of English parentage in the Bermuda Islands, but later in life made his home in North Carolina. He married Miss Frances Alexander, of Mecklenburg, N. C., a descendant of one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which was dated one year earlier than that of Philadelphia. The children of Thomas F. Hall were: Mary, who married William S. Webb, of Norwalk, Conn.; Frances, wife of Charles Dewey, of North Carolina, and George A.

George A. Hall, our subject's father, was born in 1799, in Newbern, N. C., and for many years was successfully engaged in mercantile business there. He died in 1831, and his wife, whose maiden name was Emily Dewey, died in 1838. They had four children, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Robert Burney; George, who died in childhood; Thomas S., our subject; and Mary A., who died in childhood.

As a boy Thomas S. Hall attended school in Newbern, receiving a good academic education, and at the age of seventeen he became a clerk in a general store in that city. In 1847, at the age of twenty, he removed to New Britain, the home of his mother's ancestors, where he was employed for a time in the office of North & Stanley. In 1849 he engaged in mercantile business there in partnership with Gad Stanley, a grandson of Col. Gad Stanley, mentioned below. On the dissolution of the firm, in 1849, he began the manufacture of levels, try squares, and similar articles as a member of the firm of Hall & Knapp. He was the pioneer in this line of business, and in 1857 his firm was re-organized as the Stanley Rule & Level Co., now one of the leading concerns of this section. For a few years Mr. Hall was in mercantile business with a Mr. Bowers, but in 1861 he sold out and went to New York City. Later he became connected with the New Britain Knitting Co., and for twenty-one years he acted as their superintendent and agent. In 1887 he engaged in real estate business under the firm name of Hall & Peck, the partnership continuing until 1898. Politically he is a strong Republican, and at times he has been called to accept town office as selectman, assessor and member of the board of relief. He has always taken an active part in municipal affairs, serving as a member of the Council and the Board of Water Commissioners, and has been chairman of said board for five years—a longer term than that of any other of the present members. He was instrumental in introducing the "Roaring Brook" supply, which has doubled the capacity of the works. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, and for nine years he has been a member of the standing committee of the church in New Britain. In 1851 he married Miss Julia A. North, daughter of Henry and Lauretta (Smith) North, of New Britain. Two children of the union died in childhood, Mary E. at ten years of age, and Emily L. at six years.

In the maternal line Mr. Hall is descended from several well known families, notably the Deweys and Stanleys. His mother, Mrs. Emily (Dewey) Hall, was a member of one of the old families of New Britain, and a distant relative of Admiral Dewey, of the United States Navy. Her father, Oliver Dewey, was a farmer in early life, but removed to Newbern, N. C., and engaged in business as a merchant, being one of the leading citizens of the town for many years. His death occurred in 1841. His wife, Mary Stanley, was born Aug. 2, 1772, the daughter of Col. Gad Stanley, of Revolutionary fame, and died in 1848. They had six children, namely: George S., born May 30, 1794; Emily, born June 27, 1796; Henry, born Aug. 19, 1798; Adeline, born Oct. 12, 1802; Mary, born Sept. 3, 1804; and Oliver S., born Dec. 22, 1807.

The STANLEY family traces its ancestry from John Stanley, a native of England, who started for America about 1634, but died on the ocean. His wife's name is not known. Of his three children, John became the progenitor of the family in this country; Ruth, born in 1629, married Isaac More, and the youngest was born in 1634 and died the same year. Capt. John Stanley, son of John (1), was born in England in 1624, and as he was still a minor when his father died was placed under the care of an uncle at Cambridge, Mass., and removed with him to Hartford in 1636. As a boy he took part in the Pequot war, and during King Philip's war he served as lieutenant and captain. For many years he was a leading citizen of Farmington, holding offices of high responsibility. He married (first) Sarah Scott, and (second) Sarah Stoddard, and had eight children. John, Thomas, Sarah, Tim-

ethy, Elizabeth and Isaac were born of the first marriage, and by the second there were two children, Abigail and Elizabeth. Thomas Stanley, son of Capt. John, was born in Farmington Nov. 1, 1649, and died April 14, 1713. His wife, Anna Peck, died May 13, 1718. They had two children, Thomas and Anna. Thomas Stanley (2) was born Oct. 31, 1696, and died Oct. 13, 1755. He married Esther Cowles, who died July 22, 1776, and they reared a large family of children. Col. Gad Stanley, mentioned above, was born March 21, 1735, the youngest son of Thomas and Esther (Cowles) Stanley. He engaged in farming extensively, and with one exception was the wealthiest member of the Church at Farmington, with which he united in 1768. By his ability and address he ultimately became one of the leading men of this section. He took keen interest in military affairs, serving as captain in the local militia, and warmly espoused the cause of the Colonies in their resistance to the oppression of the mother country. He acted on various committees for his town during the troublous times just preceding the Declaration of Independence. When the war actually broke out he was prompt in resorting to arms. Just at that time two British vessels appeared off New London, and an express was sent into the country to convey the alarming intelligence. He arrived in New Britain on the close of the Sabbath, and just before the close of the afternoon service. As soon as the blessing was pronounced Capt. Stanley stepped forward, and with a loud voice gave notice to his company to appear on parade before the meeting-house door next morning. The spirit thus manifested grieved the heart of the good clergyman, who, as a lover of law and order, had the sentiment of loyalty to his Sovereign warm in his heart. "What," he exclaimed, "will you fight against your King?" "Yes," replied one of the sergeants, "and I would kill him as quick as I would a black snake if I could catch him." Capt. Stanley was present in the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, a disastrous day for the American troops, all of whom were raw recruits, while their enemy were the disciplined troops of England and Germany. Capt. Stanley maintained his position as long as it was possible, and at last, when the retreat was ordered, succeeded by a masterly maneuver in leading off his regiment safely past the British forces. He was subsequently made a colonel, and ever afterward retained that title. During this summer his fifth child, a son, was born. The joyful news was reported to the absent father with the request that he should say what his name should be. In due time the answer was sent: "If he turn out a likely lad, it might be well to call him Gad." After the war Col. Stanley served in nearly every important office in the town. He was representative from Farmington from 1778 to 1782, and from Berlin from 1785 to 1804 continuously. His name was associated with Col. Lee and others in school and parish affairs, in securing the incorporation of Berlin as a district town, and in attending to highways and town expenses generally.

On Oct. 29, 1767, Col. Stanley married Mary Judd, daughter of John and Mary (Burnham) Judd, and granddaughter of Rev. William Burnham, of Kensington, a lady well-born and bred, descended from the Wolcotts and the Appletons, who were reputed to be of the bluest blood of the Colonies. He died Jan. 10, 1815, aged seventy-nine, and his wife Jan. 8, 1818, aged seventy years.

DENNIS ROSE, a resident of Bloomfield since about the year 1849, was born in Granville, Mass., July 15, 1830, and is a son of Isaac and Louisa (Clark) Rose, also natives of Granville.

Isaac Rose, son of Noahdiah and father of Dennis, was a school teacher in his early manhood, and later became a farmer. To his marriage with Miss Louisa Clark, his first wife, were born six children, named as follows: Juliette; Emeline L., married to William Moore, of Granville; Harriet, now Mrs. Chauncey Newberry; Mrs. Beulah Moore, deceased; Dennis, whose name opens this sketch; and Rhoda. For his second helpmate, Isaac married Mary Ann Crocker, and to this union were born Mrs. Lucy Baker, of Cape Cod, Mass.; Emerson, who married a Miss Scudder, and resides in New Orleans, La.; and Emma, wife of William Shaw, of Bridgeport, Conn., in which city Isaac, the father, ended his days.

Dennis Rose attended the public schools of Granville, and resided in that town until about nineteen years of age, when he came to Bloomfield and lived with Chauncey Newberry until 1866. On Oct. 31, 1866, he married Miss Maria Goodwin Latimer, daughter of Elihu Latimer, at Bloomfield, of which town she is a native. The only child resulting from this union is George Dennis, who was born Oct. 22, 1870. Mr. Rose has always voted with the Democratic party and has served as a member of the School Committee. He has ever held the respect of the members of his community, and has led a life of genuine usefulness, although he has never aspired to public office or position for the sake of either fame or profit, being content to follow his vocation in quiet, and being satisfied with the esteem which has been bestowed upon him as a reward for his present merit.

JAMES A. HOWARD, an ex-soldier, who owns one of the neatest and best-kept farms in the town of East Hartford, was born in North Scituate, R. I., Aug. 3, 1844, a son of Woodbury Howard, and a grandson of G. F. Howard, the latter a native of East Douglass, Mass. He went to Florida and there died, leaving his widow with nine young children.

Woodbury Howard, also a native of East Douglass, was an expert carpenter, and erected many of the finest buildings in Rhode Island, Connecticut

and Massachusetts. Among others he worked on the Wauregan mill, Conn., and for seven years was foreman of the carpenter work on the magnificent mansion erected for Alexander Duncan, at Providence, R. I. At Chestnut Hill, Conn., he married Matilda Fuller, a native of Killingly, to which union were born eight children: Maria, who married (first) Thomas Gilson, and (second) Joseph Midgely; Susan J., who died in infancy; James A., the subject of this sketch; Jane Helen (twin sister of James A.), who died in young womanhood; Stephen G., who went to California, but of whom trace is lost; Martin L., who was a carpenter, and died in St. Louis, Mo., leaving one son; Mary Ella, married to Amos Plumb, of Windsor, Conn.; and Annie, wife of Rev. William C. Townsend, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and living in Greenfield, Mass. The father of this family died at a ripe old age; the mother is still living, and makes her home with one of her daughters.

James A. Howard, after a brief attendance at common school, entered a cotton factory as sweeper, and worked sixteen hours per day at $1.25 per week, but he advanced by degrees, working for several years as tender, lapper and spinner. He was next employed in a factory at Danielsonville, and was there at work when the Civil war broke out. He then enlisted in Company K, 7th Conn. V. I., and was the smallest man in his regiment, which was in command of Col. Terry, under Gen. J. Hawley. The regiment was first placed in camp at New Haven, then was sent forward to Washington, Annapolis and Fortress Monroe, and was the first to open the bombardment at Hilton Head, and for bravery and meritorious conduct in front of the enemy Mr. Howard was awarded a medal. On one occasion he was the bearer of a message to Gen. Q. A. Gilmore, and on the trip was accompanied by a negro driver; when he had nearly reached his destination the colored driver was killed by a bursting shell, but Mr. Howard delivered his message, although the trip looked like one to certain death. On another occasion, while engaged in unloading ammunition and ordnance from a vessel, the derrick rope broke, and its burden fell on one of Mr. Howard's nether limbs, crushing it in a shocking manner. It was the determination of the surgeon to amputate the mutilated member, but by the intercession of one of his officers the limb was saved, though it has caused him hourly pain ever since, and a small pension is allowed him in consequence. He served out his three-years term of enlistment, and returned to Rhode Island with an honorable discharge.

Mr. Howard took up the vocation of wool sorter in Rhode Island, at which he became very expert, and remained in his native State from 1864 until 1883, during which time he was for ten years foreman in shops in which wool sorting was the specialty. He then came to Hartford, and was employed by William H. Post & Co., carpet dealers, as carpet layer, shortly afterward entering the employ of the City Water Works Co., as gate-tender. Leaving this employ, he made a contract with John Belcher to operate that gentleman's farm and support him all his life, the compensation to be the ownership of the farm itself at the death of the proprietor. Mr. Howard kept his contract, and now owns the farm, consisting of thirty-five acres, which he has greatly improved, and on which, in 1885, he erected his present handsome dwelling.

Mr. Howard was first married to Lucy M. Connell, a native of Summit, R. I., who passed away childless. He subsequently married Sarah E. Hazard, of Dexter, R. I., and to this marriage was born one child, that died in infancy. In politics Mr. Howard is a Democrat, and in his religious views is quite liberal. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 99, F. & A. M., of West Hartford. He is a hard-working husbandman, unostentatious in his demeanor, and has the sincere respect of everybody in his neighborhood and wherever else he is known.

JOHN GORDON WILLOUGHBY is one of the prominent representatives of the agricultural and industrial interests of the town of East Granby, where he is now successfully carrying on operations as a general farmer, and also owns and conducts a flour and feed mill at Tariffville. He was born on the old homestead near Tariffville Jan. 8, 1867, and belongs to a family of English origin which was founded in America by Lord Willoughby, who crossed the Atlantic in Colonial days, and took up his residence in Virginia.

William Willoughby, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New London, Conn., born Nov. 7, 1807, and was a son of John Willoughby, a well-known citizen of that place. William Willoughby was reared to manhood in New London, and received a liberal education for those days. When a young man he removed to Bloomfield, now North Bloomfield, where he engaged exclusively in agricultural pursuits for many years. In later life he located on Hatchet Hill, now East Granby, where he purchased the farm now owned by our subject, and there spent the remainder of his life, being tenderly cared for in his old age by his son Gordon C. He died Sept. 6, 1887, honored and respected by all who knew him. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously was liberal in his views. He married Miss Caroline Clark, of Bloomfield, a daughter of Ira Clark, a native of the same town, and to them was born one son, Gordon Clark, father of our subject. The wife and mother died on the farm in East Granby town in 1886, and she and her husband now sleep side by side in Scotland cemetery, North Bloomfield.

Gordon Clark Willoughby was born March 14, 1837, in Bloomfield, and received a good practical education attending both public and select schools in

early life. Throughout his active business life he engaged in farming and tobacco raising, and was also interested in milling, erecting the first gristmill at Tariffville, and operating it successfully for many years. He was a man of good business ability and sound judgment, and, being a great reader, he was always well posted on the leading events of the day, as well as political interests and issues. In connection with his other business interests he engaged in packing tobacco quite extensively, and in all his undertakings met with well-merited success. He had one of the finest homes in East Granby, and everything about the place was in perfect harmony with it. The Republican party always found in him an ardent supporter of its principles, and in 1880 he was elected by a large vote to represent East Granby town in the State Legislature, being the first Republican to fill that office in the town. He was a man of temperate habits, and was liberal in his religious views, but always adhered strictly to the Golden Rule. He was well liked and universally respected, and in his death, which occurred Aug. 4, 1898, the community realized that it had lost one of its most valuable citizens. His remains were interred in the family burial plat in Scotland cemetery. On Jan. 3, 1866, in North Bloomfield, Mr. Willoughby married Miss Jennie M. Barnard, a lady of culture and refinement, who is much esteemed for her many virtues. She was born in Bloomfield, attended the Bloomfield public schools, and later the academy at that place, from which she was graduated, and for four years successfully engaged in teaching. To this marriage were born five children: John G., our subject; William B., who married Mary A. Merwin, and is engaged in farming in East Granby town; one who died in infancy; Martha C., postmistress and bookkeeper at Tariffville; and Edward C., who is attending school. The mother still lives on the home farm near Tariffville.

John Barnard, our subject's maternal grandfather, was born in Bloomfield in 1821, and was one of a family of six children born to Francis and Arabella (Hoskins) Barnard. He received a good common-school education, and throughout life engaged in farming in Bloomfield town. He was noted for his honesty and honorable dealings, and was highly respected by the entire community. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious connection was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1844 he married Miss Martha J. Barnard, a daughter of Milton Barnard, an old settler of Bloomfield, and to them came two children: John M., who was born Oct. 16, 1846, and died in 1869, being buried in Scotland cemetery; and Jennie M., mother of our subject. Mr. Barnard died in 1847, at an early age, and was also laid to rest in Scotland cemetery. His widow subsequently married Lorenzo Hoskins. She died Sept. 4, 1897, and was buried in Scotland cemetery.

During his boyhood and youth John G. Willoughby attended the public schools of East Granby town, and in 1885 graduated from the Hartford Business College. He began his business career in his father's mill, where he remained until 1888, and then removed to Bloomfield, where he spent one year. In 1889 he located on the farm on Hatchet Hill, and has since extensively engaged in tobacco culture and general farming. He was also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, owning a sawmill in East Granby, and in 1892 rented his father's gristmill, which he now operates, dealing in flour, feed, etc. Ambitious, energetic, and possessing good business ability, he has already met with excellent success in life, and undoubtedly a brilliant future awaits him. He is a recognized leader of the Republican party in East Granby, and in 1896 was the nominee of his party for representative, but withdrew in favor of George L. Viets.

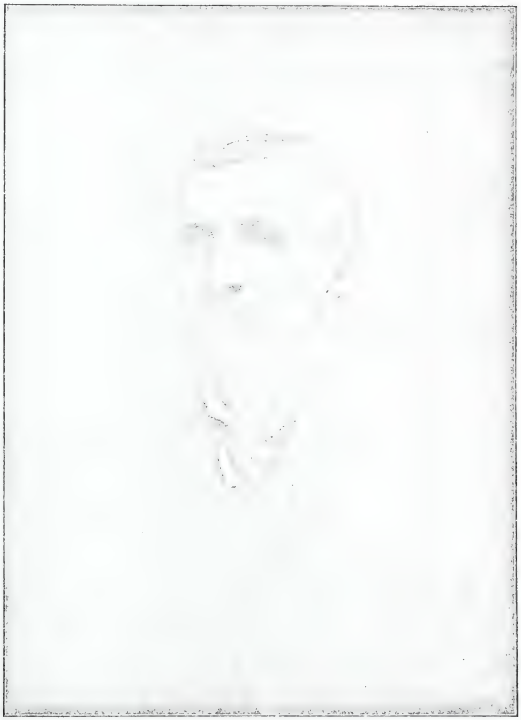
In 1889 Mr. Willoughby was married in East Granby to Miss Nellie Healey, a native of Granville, Mass., and a daughter of Nathaniel and Jane (Clark) Healey, and they have one child, Ward Coe, born in 1893. The family are members of the Baptist Church and hold a position of prominence in the best social circles of the community in which they live.

HON. WILLIAM H. FILLEY. Few residents of Windsor have worked as assiduously for the promotion of the best interests of that locality as has the well-known citizen whose history is outlined in this sketch. As a business man he is enterprising, far-sighted and successful, while he has also found time to assist effectively in religious, philanthropic, educational and political affairs, his influence always cast on the side of progress.

Mr. Filley is a representative of an old and honored pioneer family of this section, and is of the eighth generation in direct descent from (I) William Filley. (II) Samuel Filley, son of William, the pioneer, was born Sept. 24, 1643. (III) John Filley, the next in the line of descent, was born Feb. 10, 1677. (IV) John Filley, son of John, was born Nov. 4, 1709, and married Rebecca Drake, by whom he had one child, John. (V) John Filley, our subject's great-grandfather, was born April 18, 1737.

(VI) Horace Filley, the grandfather of our subject, was born Nov. 16, 1779, and died March 5, 1857. He was a prominent agriculturist of Windsor in his day, owning a large tract of land, and he took an active part in public movements in his town. He married Lucy Hayden, of Vermont, a daughter of Isaac Hayden, and had two children: Horace H., our subject's father; and Miss Julia, born Dec. 29, 1817, who is still living in Windsor.

(VII) Horace H. Filley was born Oct. 15, 1809, at the old homestead, in the house which stood on the site of our subject's present residence. He was educated in the public schools and the



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academy at Windsor, and as a young man began business on borrowed capital, having no resources except his native ability and energy. For many years he followed brick-making successfully, and for some time in later life he was engaged in farming. He was a man of average height and build, and intellectually was noted for shrewdness and conservatism, his judgment being regarded as remarkably sound. His business methods were characterized by strict integrity, and his prosperity was achieved without penuriousness, his family having every reasonable comfort and advantage. Realizing the value of a good education, he endeavored to secure for his children better opportunities than he had enjoyed, and in addition to practical literary training he had them instructed in music and other accomplishments. In politics he was a stanch Republican, but while he cast his vote regularly, and was interested in the success of the party, he could not be called a politician. For many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church at Windsor, in which he frequently served as committeeman. He died Oct. 14, 1884, when within less than one hour of being seventy-five years old.

Mr. Filley married Miss Irene Francis, a native of Windsor, who is still living, at the age of seventy-eight, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Welch. Although she has been an invalid for years she shows great vitality, and is greatly respected in the community for her admirable qualities of character. Our subject is the eldest of a family of five children. (2) Joseph, born July 4, 1847, died in 1864. He had left home to enlist in the army, but was taken ill with typhoid fever and brought home, where he died. (3) Henry, born in November, 1850, died of typhoid fever soon after the death of his brother Joseph. He was a very bright youth, intelligent and full of promise. (4) Mary S., born in January, 1853, married E. A. Welch, of Windsor. (5) Jennie, born April 2, 1857, married Rev. G. H. Judson, and for a number of years has been a missionary in China.

(VIII) William H. Filley was born Aug. 25, 1845, at the old home, and was educated in the schools of Windsor and neighboring towns. On completing a high-school course he engaged in business, his inclination for commercial life having been manifested at an early age. As a mere boy he had bought tobacco in and around Windsor for William Harrison, of Westfield, Mass., and it was on his suggestion that his father undertook tobacco growing as a branch of his business. The details of the management of his father's brickyard were also speedily mastered by the youth, and as a young man he became interested in the wood and lumber business, his father's skilled judgment occasionally reinforcing his own, although, as a rule, he decided questions independently. His ventures were uniformly profitable, and while still in his 'teens he formed a partnership with H. H. Ellsworth, a boyhood friend, and they have ever since been associated in their business operations, no other firm in Windsor approaching them in activity and enterprise.

In early manhood Mr. Filley took charge of his father's brick yard, which he conducted until 1890, often making 1,000,000 bricks a year. He also assumed the management of the farm when a young man, and later purchased the most desirable portions, which he still retains as a homestead. He is one of the most extensive growers in Connecticut, and is successful as a buyer, being at present the head of the well-known firm of Filley & Welch, of Windsor, dealers in leaf tobacco. His success in every undertaking has caused him to be sought as a member of various corporate enterprises, and he is a stockholder in the Windsor Creamery, and a member of the Moore's Park Driving Association, in which he was for several years a leader, his liking for good horses being shown by the excellent specimens owned by him at times. For some time he was a stockholder in the Windsor Creamery Co., serving as treasurer for two years, and when the company failed he and Mr. Ellsworth bought the plant, and with characteristic energy reorganized it and built up the business, until it is to-day the most substantial concern in the town. At present Mr. Filley owns a large amount of real estate in the West, in addition to his property in Windsor. One secret of his success is the close familiarity with the details of the management of his varied interests, which enables him to secure the best results, and while he had the advantage of an excellent start in life he may justly be credited with being to a great extent the architect of his own fortune. Politically he is active as a member of the Republican party, and while he would prefer to devote his attention to his private interests he has been a regular attendant at caucuses and conventions. For over ten years he has served as town treasurer, and in 1893 he was a member of the Legislature.

In 1882 Mr. Filley built a handsome and commodious brick residence at the corner of Broad and Elm streets, Windsor, where he maintains the old-time hospitality of the family. His amiable wife, who was formerly Miss Julia Buckland, is one of the few remaining descendants of a family which was prominent in that locality from the early days. Of the three children who have blessed this union the eldest, Hattie E., married Arthur Loomis, of Windsor, and has one son, George F. Mrs. Loomis is an artist of more than ordinary ability and skill, and her work commands high praise. Alice G., now Mrs. T. D. Harvey, of Windsor, is also highly accomplished. Joseph H. resides at home. The family is prominent in the best social circles, and is identified with the Congregational Church of Windsor, Mr. Filley being a member of the church committee. He also belongs to Poquonock Grange, and was one of the organizers of Windsor Grange, No. 3. He is a charter member of W. S. Pierson Council, O. U. A. M., at Windsor, and is well known as a thirty-second degree Mason, his name

being enrolled in Windsor Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T., Hartford; the Mystic Shrine at Hartford (transferred from Bridgeport); and Norwich Consistory.

WILLIAM MOORE FOWLER, a well-known and honored citizen of Berlin, was born in what is now West Cromwell, Conn., Aug. 17, 1828, a son of Anson and Sallie (Bouge) Fowler. In their family were two children, the younger being Laura Ann, who died in West Cromwell, and was buried there. The mother was a native of Tolland, Mass. The father was a farmer in moderate circumstances. For his second wife he married Clemenca Loveland, of Glastonbury, Conn., by whom he had four children, the only one now living being Mrs. Caroline Posco, a widow, of West Cromwell. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Julius Fowler, who was a well-to-do farmer of West Cromwell, married a lady named Moore, of Massachusetts, and to them were born six children.

Our subject was reared on the home farm, and acquired his education in the Cromwell schools. On leaving school, at the age of eighteen years, he commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with John Graham, in East Berlin, remaining with Mr. Graham until that gentleman's death, in all nine years. He then entered the employ of the Roys & Wilcox Co., of East Berlin, as a journeyman blacksmith, and remained with them until the consolidation of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. In 1863 he became a contractor in the blacksmithing department of their works, which he still controls, and now has three men working under him.

Mr. Fowler was married Oct. 5, 1852, to Harriet Hubbard Graham, who was born in East Berlin April 10, 1833, a daughter of John and Mary (Hubbard) Graham. Five children have been born of this union: William Moore, Jr., born May 27, 1857, now operates his father's farm on Hudson street, Berlin; Alfred Edward, born in 1861, died at the age of two months; Frederick Brown, born Nov. 24, 1864, is a joiner of Berlin; Charles Henry, born Aug. 10, 1867, is a resident of San Jose, Cal.; and Emma Jane, born Feb. 24, 1870, is at home.

In early life Mr. Fowler cast his first ballot with the Democratic party, but since 1858 he has been a stanch Republican. Although he has never cared for office, he has served as tax collector in his town. He is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M., of New Britain, and was one of the charter members of the lodge which was started in Berlin, and in which he passed all the chairs. He is also a member of the chapter and council of the same fraternity, and he and his wife and daughter belong to Berlin Grange, No. 24. In 1859 Mr. Fowler was made superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Methodist Church, and held that position for several years, but he now holds membership in the Congregational Church of Berlin, and was elected superintendent of its Sunday-school in 1890. He also belongs to the Ecclesiastical Society of Berlin, and is a member of the church committee. He takes an active and prominent part in all church work, and his honorable, upright life commends him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, in either his business or social relations.

DENNIS MOYNIHAN, an industrious and successful tobacco grower and farmer of East Hartford, has been identified with this section for several years. He is a native of County Cork, Ireland, and a son of Dennis and Hannorah (Healy) Moynihan, both natives of the same county.

Dennis Moynihan, the father, was a laborer in the old country, and lived there until 1891, when he and his wife were sent for by our subject, who filially cared for them at his home in East Hartford. The father was born in 1817, and died July 6, 1900. The mother was born in 1828. Of their children the following are still living: Mary, in Melbourne, Australia; Dennis, the subject of this sketch; John, living somewhere in the United States; Michael, in East Hartford, and employed in the railroad roundhouse; Jerry, supposed to be living in West Virginia, as no authentic record of his death has been received; Timothy, who married Mary Nicholson; and Hannorah, widow of Will Reardon, who was killed by a trolley car in East Hartford, where she still has her home.

Dennis Moynihan received but a limited education, and worked as a laborer in Ireland until about twenty-five years of age, when, in company with his sister Hannorah (now widow of Will Reardon), he sailed from Cork in the "City of Chester," and after a voyage of nine days landed in New York. They came thence to South Windsor, Conn., where Dennis found employment with Martin Reardon at $15 per month, and with him remained two years. He next worked for Tim Kelliner, and then for Dan Malone, and was with the latter when he married Miss Maggie Bevins, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, who came to the United States in 1885. This marriage has been blessed with four children, born as follows: Hannorah, April 22, 1889; Mary, Nov. 22, 1890; Dennis, Nov. 7, 1893; and Henry, Sept. 27, 1894.

Mr. Moynihan bought his present farm in East Hartford in 1891. It then comprised fifteen acres only, but by industry and good management he has increased it to twenty-three acres, ten of which are under cultivation in tobacco. That Mr. Moynihan is temperate and economical, as well as industrious, is shown by the fact that he paid his passage to America from his savings, landed in this country poor, and made his first purchase of land also from his savings. He is now well-to-do, and besides taking good care of his wife and children has been able to care for his aged parents.

Mr. Moynihan and his family are devout mem-

bers of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in politics is liberal. Though very quiet in demeanor, he is a jovial, kind-hearted man, and a good and useful citizen, one whose many excellent traits of character have won for him the respect of the entire community.

LOUIS A. CLAPP, a well-known citizen and a prosperous farmer of the town of Windsor, was born there Jan. 14, 1857, a son of Alexander and Jane (Bailey) Clapp, the Clapp family being an old one in New England, and descendants of Roger Clapp, who came hither from England in the early Colonial days.

Alexander Clapp, father of Louis A. Clapp, was born in Wethersfield in June, 1815, a son of Roswell and Susan (Pease) Clapp, the former of whom was a sea captain in his earlier days, but later became a merchant at Wethersfield. He had three sons, of whom Alexander was the eldest; the second, William, settled at Brodhead, Wis., of which State his son Thomas became attorney-general; and the third, Charles, lived in Windsor, and reared a large family. Alexander Clapp when about six years old went to live with the family of John M. Niles, at Poquonock, and remained there until eighteen, during which period he attended the district school and Windsor Academy. When about nineteen years of age he took charge of a farm for a Mr. Griswold, and worked for that gentleman until his first marriage, which was to Huldah Griswold, daughter of his employer. She was soon called away, and Mr. Clapp next married Jane Bailey, who was born in South Coventry, Conn., in 1825. To this second marriage were born eight children, in the folowing order: Charles D., who died unmarried at the age of thirty-five years; Lucy J., who was married to W. H. Atwood, of New Haven, and died in Windsor; Susan P., a highly-educated lady, of Hartford; Mary, who died when two years old; Mary H., who died at the age of twenty-four years; Louis A., the subject of this sketch; Irving B., and Robert L.

Alexander Clapp was in politics a Democrat, and very popular with his party. In 1856, 1869, 1870 and 1874 he was elected representative from his district, and he also filled many town offices, such as first selectman, justice of the peace, grand juror (for years), assessor, and member of the board of relief. He was appointed drum-major by Gov. Buckingham at a time that required the appointee to be thorough in his line of duty. He was always present at his party's conventions, in which he took a leading part, and at public gatherings invariably introduced the orator of the day. All the leading men of the State were acquainted with him, and his influence was much more than local. He was charitable and kind to all, and was everywhere respected. He measured about five feet, ten inches, in height, and weighed 160 pounds. His death took place in 1879, and that of his widow in 1895, and the remains of both rest side by side in the cemetery at Poquonock.

Louis A. Clapp was educated at "Elm Grove" school, under Roswell H. Phelps, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He was about twenty-one years old when his father died, and, being the eldest living son at that time, the responsibility of caring for the farm and family fell to his lot. A man of more than ordinary intelligence, he proved himself to be fully competent for the duties that thus devolved upon him, for, although his schooling began and ended at Elm Grove, he was a close home student, and acquired a great deal of useful knowledge through reading practical standard works on the arts and sciences, as well as literature of the highest class.

In the fall of 1882 Mr. Clapp (first) married Miss Martha L. Osborn, a native of East Windsor, and a daughter of David L. Osborn, an ex-soldier. He continued to live on the old homestead and to manage the farm for his mother until 1883, when he purchased the Roswell Miller farm with his own accumulations, and this has since been his place of residence. Mrs. Martha L. Clapp passed away in August, 1890, the mother of four children, of whom Grace M. is still living; Claire B., while playing on a piece of timber floating in a pool on the farm, fell off and was drowned, July 16, 1897; John O. still survives; and Arthur died in infancy. Mr. Clapp next married Mrs. Clara F. Packard, of Springfield, Mass., who was formerly a school teacher for a number of years at Rockville, Conn. She has been for some time an active member of the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Clapp is non-partisan. He believes in a protective tariff, but at local elections votes for the candidates best fitted to fill the office sought. He has himself avoided all overtures made to him to accept office, but as a matter of duty has served one term as assessor, and has been a committeeman in his school district.

Mr. Clapp is proficient in music, and no doubt inherits this gift from his father, the drum-major. He is a member of Putnam Phalanx, is its snare-drummer, and has accompanied this organization in its visits to many noted gatherings and celebrations throughout the United States. As a drummer he is a graceful manipulator of the "sticks," and he has taught in this line on scientific principles. He has frequently been called upon to act as judge in drum contests all over the State, and has thus officiated in several State contests. As a violinist, also, he has more than a local reputation, although he has confined his performance on this instrument chiefly to local entertainments.

Mr. Clapp is emphatically a self-made man in the business sense in which that term is used, and through his own good management has secured for himself his comfortable home, his enviable position in society, and his high standing as a useful and

public-spirited citizen. As a tobacco-grower he stands among the most successful. His crop is always well prepared and marketed in the best condition, and he was a pioneer in the practice of putting paper around tobacco bundles. He has greatly improved his farm since first taking possession of it, and now has one of the finest in the town.

HENRY M. ROSE is one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of West Suffield, and has been remarkably successful as a tobacco-grower. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and reliable, and his life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose.

Mr. Rose was born in West Suffield Center April 23, 1860, and belongs to a prominent old family of Hartford county, more fully mentioned elsewhere. Mortimer Rose, his father, was born on the old homestead in West Suffield in 1822. He was a brother of James B. Rose, and first cousin of Oliver Rose, of West Suffield. He attended the district schools near his boyhood home, and was later a student in Wilbraham (Mass.) Academy. During his minority he assisted his father in the labors of the farm, and later he and his brother James B. engaged in mercantile business, under the firm name of James B. & M. Rose, until 1865. They also became interested in other lines, such as general farming and milling, and were extensive tobacco growers, dealers and manufacturers of cigars, doing a large and profitable business. When Mortimer Rose withdrew from the firm he had $25,000. He purchased the old homestead, then owned by his brother James B., and upon that place—a tract of fifty-two acres—made many improvements and engaged in general farming, tobacco culture and stock raising for twenty years. Being a man of excellent business ability he met with good success in most of his undertakings, but during the Civil war he lost quite heavily, as the cigars manufactured by the firm were sold in the South. Mr. Rose died upon his farm in 1885, and was laid to rest in West Suffield cemetery. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, but never took an active part in politics, nor would he accept office. The cause of education, however, always found in him a firm friend, and in all his habits he was strictly temperate. Though not a member of any church, he was faithful in his observance of the Golden Rule, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was noted for his integrity, and in the business world bore an enviable reputation for fair dealing. Mr. Rose married Miss Lucy Sheldon, of Suffield, a daughter of John Horace and Mary Ann (Loomis) Sheldon, representatives of old families in Suffield. Mrs. Rose is a lady of refinement; she now makes her home in West Suffield. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose are Henry M., our subject; Mary, wife of Henry Z. Thompson, of East Granby; Martha, wife of Benjamin Alderman, of East Granby; Alexander C., a groceryman of Hartford; and James B., a farmer of West Suffield.

In the district schools of West Suffield Henry M. Rose acquired his literary education, and upon the home farm obtained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He has spent his entire life on the old homestead, comprising fifty-five acres, which he has successfully operated since 1886, and upon which he has erected a good barn and tobacco sheds, and made many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance. He is engaged in general farming and dairying, but makes a specialty of the raising of tobacco, and has dealt in the product to some extent.

In 1886, in Suffield, Mr. Rose was united in marriage with Miss Lena J. King, a native of that town, and a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Case) King. They have two children: Helen S., born in 1888; and Florence King, born in 1893. In his religious views Mr. Rose is liberal, and in politics is independent. For six years he was a member of the school committee, and he has ever given his support to those enterprises which he believes calculated to advance the educational, moral and social welfare of the community in which he lives. Fraternally he is a charter member of the O. U. A. M., in Suffield.

HENRY HART CHAPMAN, an enterprising and progressive young farmer of Newington, is a native of the town of which he is now a prominent resident, born Sept. 5, 1867, son of Charles Edward and Mary (Hale) Chapman, sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Henry Hart Chapman was educated in the "Bell" school of Newington, and at the conclusion of his school days remained on the farm of his father, assisting in the careful, thorough and successful methods of farming there employed until 1896, when, on account of ill health, he went to California. He secured employment as salesman in the grocery of Herbert E. Andrews, in Glendale, Los Angeles county. But the climate did not bring the desired relief. Mr. Chapman was suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, and the damp nights were unfavorable, so that he grew worse rather than better. He remained nearly two years, and returned to Newington Nov. 11, 1897, continuing on the farm with his parents until March 15, 1898, when he purchased from G. D. Mills the farm of 150 acres on Newington avenue, turnpike, four miles east of New Britain, where he now resides. It is familiarly known as the "Jacob Dick place," and was once the site of a tavern and inn. Mr. Chapman is a prosperous farmer, and his success is attributed to his indefatigable industry. The farm produces large crops of corn, potatoes, etc., and has extensive pasture and meadow land.

Mr. Chapman married, Jan. 15, 1896, Miss Maria Louise Rogers, who was born in Hartford Oct. 10, 1868, the younger daughter of Stephen and Maria Louise (Devoe) Rogers. Stephen Rogers

was a native of Waterford; his wife was born in Yonkers, N. Y., and died soon after the birth of her daughter Maria, Mrs. Chapman. To Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have come two children: Charles Wells, born in Glendale, Cal., Jan. 16, 1897; and Richard Henry, born Sept. 27, 1898. Mrs. Chapman is a member of the Park Methodist Church at Hartford. Mr. Chapman is a member of Our Brothers Council, No. 41, Sr. O. U. A. M., of Newington. He is actively interested in farming, and the improvements which he has made on his land are bringing ample returns in largely increased productiveness. Though yet a young man, he has displayed ripe judgment in the management of his property, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists of Newington.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SANDMAN, an energetic and successful farmer and tobacco grower of the town of East Granby, was born in Carrollton, Ky., April 29, 1859, and is of German descent, belonging to a very old and respected family of Lancaster county, Penn. His great-grandfather, Lawrence Sandman, was a well-to-do farmer and land owner of that county, where he was born in 1735 and died Feb. 17, 1810. His wife Mary was born in 1744, and died June 18, 1848, at the extreme old age of one hundred and four years.

Charles Sandman, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 21, 1787, and spent his entire life in Lancaster county, Penn. There he was married, Feb. 16, 1815, to Miss Amelia Yerkes, who was born Aug. 6, 1792, and they became the parents of the following named children: Mary Ann, born Feb. 4, 1816, married William Abbott; Charlotte, born Dec. 8, 1817, died Oct. 13, 1821; Mahala, born Nov. 19, 1819, married Michael Getman, of Saratoga, N. Y., and died June 13, 1842; Christian W., born Jan. 8, 182—, died Sept. 22, 1823; William Y., born Nov. 1, 1824, died Nov. 5, 1824; Charles Randall, born March 6, 1827, was the father of our subject; and Charlotte, born July 4, 1829, died Dec. 13, 1829. The family was well known in Lancaster county and highly respected. There the grandfather died Aug. 15, 1851, after which his wife came to Suffield, Hartford Co., Conn., and spent the remainder of her life with her children, dying here Feb. 2, 1859. She was a good Christian woman.

Charles Randall Sandman, our subject's father, was born, reared and educated in Lancaster county, Penn., where he also learned the trades of a cabinet maker, joiner and cigar maker, at which he worked in his native county for some years. With his little family he then came to Connecticut and took up his residence in Suffield, Hartford county, where he followed cigar making until 1857. During that year he removed to the "blue-grass region" of Kentucky, locating in Carrollton, where he engaged in carpentering until after the Civil war broke out. Being a strong Union man, he did some valuable service for the North as a spy, and when this was discovered by the Rebels he was ordered to leave. All his property and belongings were destroyed, and he was forced to move. Taking with him his family, he went to Indiana, where he remained long enough to earn the money with which to carry them East, and in 1862 we again find him a resident of Suffield, Hartford county, where he engaged in cigar making for several years. Later he followed the trade of a carpenter and joiner in East Granby, continuing thus up to the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 3, 1867, his remains being interred in Suffield cemetery. He was a good man, well liked by all who knew him, and at all times was a loyal and patriotic citizen. He made great sacrifices for his country during the Rebellion, and in its interest lost all that he possessed. Politically he was an uncompromising Republican, but never an office seeker. Mr. Sandman was twice married, and by the first union had one child, Mary Ann, born July 30, 1847. His second marriage was with Miss Sarah Elliott, who was born in England, and was eleven years of age when brought by her parents to the United States. Her father, Robert Elliott, was a native of the same country, and in America made his home in Lancaster county, Penn. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sandman were as follows: Amanda Frances, born Aug. 22, 1849, died July 26, 1850; Charles Randall, born July 12, 1852, died in December, 1852; Amelia Mahala, born Oct. 30, 1853, died April 19, 1854; Emogene, born June 27, 1855, was married, Dec. 3, 1874, to Eugene Bills, and they have two children, Grace and Elliott, both at home; Ida L., born April 6, 1857, married Charles Williams, of Suffield, Hartford county; George W., our subject, is next in the order of birth; Robert Anderson, born Oct. 7, 1862, is a farmer of the town of East Granby; and Charles Grant, born Jan. 22, 1866, is also a farmer of East Granby. The mother departed this life March 10, 1897, and was buried in Suffield cemetery. She and her husband were both earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

George W. Sandman came with his parents on their return to Suffield, and he attended the public schools of that place and town of East Granby, completing his education in the Suffield Institute. As he was quite young when his father died, he was early obliged to earn his own livelihood, and he worked as a farm hand in the town of East Granby, until 1883, during which year he was there married to Miss Ansoma S. Bates, a lady of culture and refinement, and a daughter of Anson Bates, a lawyer, now deceased. Of the three children born to this union, Arthur is deceased, and another died in infancy unnamed, Howard G. being the only one living. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Sandman removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent one year as conductor on a street car. The following year he passed in Massachusetts, and in 1885 he returned to the town of East Granby, locating upon his father-in-law's farm, at that time a tract of eighty-six acres.

Here he has since made his home and has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of tobacco culture, being one of the largest producers of tobacco in the town. He affiliates with the Republican party, and is a stanch supporter of its principles, but has never been an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Grange, and he and his family attend the Congregational Church. They are widely and favorably known, and have many friends in the community where they reside.

WILLIAM CASEY, a well known and prominent citizen of Enfield, was born in County Cork, Ireland, June 17, 1820, a son of John and Katherine (Dineen) Casey.

Mr. Casey was reared to manhood in his native country, where he served a seven-years apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and later worked as a journeyman three years, in Ireland. In 1850 he came to America and settled in Enfield, where he carried on the blacksmith's trade for many years, and, to use his own phrase, "does a bit of it yet." He has also, since 1884, conducted a livery stable in Hazardville, and has accumulated a competency. Mr. Casey married Bridget Dorgan, a daughter of William and Catherine (Shea) Dorgan, of Enfield, and to this union were born eight children, three of whom survive: John, Katherine (who is a Sister of Mercy), and Mary. Mrs. Casey died March 7, 1896, aged sixty-five years. Politically Mr. Casey is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

ROBERT COSMOS ELLRICH, a well-known machinist, pattern-maker and inventor, residing in Southington, was born on the ship "Cosmos," March 30, 1852, while his parents, Frederick Robert August and Wilhelmena (Miller) Ellrich, were crossing the Atlantic, with the intention of making their future home in America. They were natives of Saxony, Germany. Landing in New York, they made their home there for nine years, and in 1861 removed to New Haven, Conn., in 1868 becoming residents of Southington. The father, a blacksmith by trade, followed his vocation during his residence in these places. He died in Plantsville, July 6, 1870.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their various removals, and during his boyhood obtained a limited education in the common schools. At the age of thirteen years he entered the employ of the Plant Manufacturing Co., New York City, and continued with them there and at Plantsville up to 1869, when he entered the employ of what is now the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., to learn the pattern-maker's trade, which he followed twelve years. In 1881 the Ellrich Hardware Co. was formed as a stock company, with George S. Allen, president; T. Atwater Barnes, of New Haven, secretary; Sherman Blakeslee, treasurer; and Robert C. Ellrich, superintendent. As manufacturers of hardware specialties this company existed for ten years. Since 1891 Mr. Ellrich has been in the employ of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., as a machinist and pattern-maker. He is also the inventor and patentee of some twenty-five specialties manufactured by them, among the latest being the New Triumphant meat cutter, the New Ideal cutter, and the Ellrich solid bar wrench; there is such demand for the latter that the firm cannot fill the orders fast enough.

On April 10, 1878, Mr. Ellrich was united in marriage with Miss Emma Feucht, a daughter of Jacob and Amelia Feucht, of Southington, and they have three children: Etta L., Robert G. and Charles N. Politically Mr. Ellrich is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M.

PATRICK J. LEE. The Lee family is probably of English extraction, although for several generations past resident in County Clare, Ireland. Both the father and grandfather of Patrick J. Lee were tenant farmers, and men of considerable local prominence. Michael Lee married a Miss Bryan, and was the father of four sons and three daughters: Dennis, John, Michael, Thomas, Bridget, Margaret and Honora. John Lee, the father of Patrick J., emigrated from Ireland to America in 1851, but was attacked with illness during the voyage, and died within four days after landing at New York. He married Margaret Fitzpatrick, by whom he had two children—Michael J., born in 1838, and Patrick J., who was born in October, 1842. His wife died in 1853.

Patrick J. Lee was a lad of scarcely ten years when he accompanied his mother to New Britain. His early educationad advantages were such as the district schools of that day afforded, his mother's limited means not enabling her to do what her maternal heart prompted. Had he followed his own bent cultivating those native powers of the mind which have brought about his success, his course in later life might have been different. As it was, he found it necessary to leave school at the age of thirteen, and the education and general information which enabled him to hold his own in any controversy he acquired through his own unaided efforts. As a boy he worked in shops at New Britain, and on reaching the age when maturity and love of adventure join in stimulating a desire for change, he set out from Connecticut for California, whither his brother, Michael, had already preceded him, in 1858. He made the trip via the Isthmus, the time consumed being twenty-eight days. Even as a young man he manifested that enterprise which he always showed in later life, and which was the nucleus of his success. In company with his brother he traveled through Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Nevada. From Helena he returned to New Britain in 1869, and entered into the grocery business in connection with his brother, Michael J., and Daniel Flynn, the firm continuing in existence for seven years. At the

end of that time Michael J. retired, and Messrs. Lee & Flynn conducted the business together, it being located for twenty-seven years at No. 16 Sexton street. In 1897 they closed their grocery, but continued in the wholesale liquor business, being pioneers in that line of trade in New Britain. In that year Mr. Flynn died, and Mr. Lee purchased the interest theretofore held by him, and conducted the business alone until his death, on December 4, 1898. It is now in care of T. F. Lee, at No. 300 Main street.

Mr. Lee was a man of unusually good business judgment and endowed with wonderful energy. He dealt extensively in real estate and was a large land owner. He accumulated, through his own exertions a handsome fortune, leaving an estate valued at $70,000. He was a man of broad views and was distinguished for his public spirit, always taking an interest in every measure looking to the upbuilding of the city. He was one of the original promoters of the Opera House Company and a director and large stockholder therein. He was a Democrat in politics and an active worker in his party's interests. For several years he represented the Fifth ward in the City Council, with advantage to his constituents and honor to himself. In social life he was genial, courteous and generous. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Patrick, being a charter member of both organizations, and treasurer of the latter from the date of its establishment in New Britain until his death. He was also a member of the Catholic Legion. He was a Roman Catholic in faith, and belonged to St. Mary's parish, contributing liberally to the cause of religion, as well as to public and private charities. His death was deeply mourned, not only by his own personal friends and acquaintances, but by the community at large.

Mr. Lee married Bridget, a daughter of John Cloughessy, of County Clare, Ireland, and to them were born five children: John A., who graduated from Yale College in 1895, and is now practicing medicine in Brooklyn; Thomas F., who is manager of the estate; and Margaret, Frederick and Robert C., who are living at home. THOMAS F. LEE was educated at the New Britain High School, but left that institution in 1894, a year before graduation, to enter into business as an assistant to his father. He is an enterprising young business man, possessing the qualities of mind and heart which made his father successful and so widely beloved.

LEWIS ALFRED MORAN, a prominent citizen of Windsor Locks, is deserving of special mention in this volume as a man of enterprise and ability. For many years he has been identified with the business interests of his village, which he has seen develop from a mere hamlet to its present size, and his influence is also felt in local affairs, although he is not a politician in the strict sense of the word, and is disinclined to enter the arena as a candidate for official honors.

Mr. Moran is of Scottish descent in the paternal line, but his ancestors came to New England during Colonial times. Gaylord Moran, his grandfather, was born in the town of Suffield, Hartford county, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Deborah Parmelee, a member of another Suffield family, and they had the following children: Eliza (Mrs. King), William, Phœbe, Caroline, Alfred, Mary and George, all now deceased.

Alfred Moran, the father of our subject, was a native of Suffield, where he received a common-school education. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, but for many years he was engaged in tobacco raising in addition to that work. He was much respected for his excellent qualities of character, and at times held minor town offices. Mr. Moran married Julia A. Lamberton, who was born in Fredonia, N. Y., a daughter of James Lamberton, formerly of Windsor, Conn., and Lewis A., our subject, is the eldest of four children born to this worthy couple; Edward William and Henry James reside in Suffield; and Martha died in infancy.

Lewis A. Moran was born Feb. 25, 1839, at the old homestead in Suffield, and was educated in the schools of that locality. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and for some time was employed as a journeyman in Springfield, Mass., Hartford, Conn., and Cleveland, Ohio. In 1871 he engaged in the meat business at Windsor Locks, but in 1889 he sold out to C. C. Graves and resumed his former work as a carpenter. At present he is also interested in the raising of tobacco, in partnership with his brothers, and is regarded as a substantial citizen. He is not a member of any church or social organization; politically he is a strong Democrat, and for two terms he served as selectman, but on being elected to the offices of town clerk and treasurer he declined to accept.

In 1868 Mr. Moran was married, at Mamaroneck, N. Y., to Miss Rebecca Sherrer, who died in 1873, leaving two children: Ernest Lewis, a resident of East Windsor; and Rebecca Lydia. In 1879 Mr. Moran was married in Windsor Locks to Miss Lily T. Whipple, by whom he has had two children: Emma (deceased) and Raymond A.

JAMES BIRMINGHAM, a well-to-do agriculturist of the town of East Windsor, is a typical self-made man, and in the following record of his career there is much to arouse respect and esteem. He has placed his reliance upon industry and perseverance rather than "luck," and by making the most of circumstances, however discouraging, has made his way to a substantial success, his fine farm near Broad Brook village being a tangible evidence of prosperity.

Mr. Birmingham was born in 1836 in County Galway, Ireland, son of Michael and Nora Birmingham; his father was a farmer and stock herd-

er. When a boy Mr. Birmingham learned to make himself useful in various lines of work, as his parents had but limited means, and for the same reason his educational privileges were meagre. Work was scarce and wages low, and on growing to manhood he found no chance to gain a competence and establish a home for himself. He married Miss Kate Healey, a native of the same county, and for a time worked at any labor that could be obtained, but finally concluded to come to the United States in order to better his condition. Having saved the passage money from his earnings, he left his wife and family, which then consisted of two sons, and made the voyage in 1865, and soon after landing came to Windsor Locks, where he earned his first American dollar as a tender to the masons employed in the construction of the Stockinet mill. He was faithful and industrious, the hope of sending for his beloved wife and children being a constant inspiration. In the following spring he was employed as a farm hand by Jabez S. Allen, with whom he remained eight years, and later he worked three years on the farm of Levi Webster, his long terms of service with these thorough-going managers showing his reliability and efficiency. Every cent that he could spare was sent to his wife, and in 1875, after a separation of ten years, she and the children rejoined him, the voyage being made in ten days on the "Adriatic," of the White Star line. Soon afterward Mr. Birmingham bought his present farm, where he has made many improvements, and with the help of his estimable wife and enterprising sons he has made it a valuable homestead. While he is a man of strong character, as shown by his history, his manner is quiet and unassuming, and as a neighbor and a citizen he is much esteemed. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and he and his family are leading members of St. Catharine's Catholic Church at Broad Brook. His four children would do credit to any parents. (1) Michael, a resident of Hartford, married Jennie Dunn, and has two daughters, Mame Frances and Christine Agatha. (2) Patrick F. also resides in Hartford. (3) James, a promising young agriculturist, now takes charge of the farm, and relieves his father of business cares. (4) Miss Katy resides at home.

CHARLES FREDERICK MICHAEL, proprietor of the "Commercial House," at Bristol, is a self-made man whose career shows the value of enterprise and energy when wisely directed.

Mr. Michael was born April 12, 1849, in Katzhuette, Province of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, Germany, son of Christian and Laura (Tischer) Michael. His paternal grandfather, Nicholaus Michael, was born in that province, and spent his entire life in his native land. By occupation he was a wood chopper. He fought with the Prussian army against Napoleon Bonaparte in 1812, being taken prisoner at Moscow, and after gaining his liberty returned to his native province, where he died about 1854. He married Barbara Baumann, who survived him, and died in Union City, Conn. They had a large family of children: (1) Carl, who died in Terryville, Conn., married Lena Troll, who died in Germany, and they had five children, of whom two are living—Emma, wife of Andrew Karlman, of Terryville; and Frank, who resides in New York. (2) Louisa married Heinrich Heinze, and both died in Germany. They had four children—Laura, residing in Lynn, Mass.; Emil, residing in New York City; and Egbert and Edmund, residing in Newark, N. J. (3) Christian, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (4) Caroline was married (first) to Heinrich Troll, and (second) to Christian Schwabe, and now resides in Union City, Conn. By the first union she had two children—Fredericka, wife of Emil Mathes, of Terryville; and Miss Emma, who resides in Union City. By the second union there were three children—Hattie, wife of Charles Rasguin, of Union City; Adeline, wife of Thomas Clator, of Toledo, Ohio; and Fred, now residing in Cleveland, Ohio. (5) Heinrich died in boyhood. (6) Frederick served in the war of the Rebellion, and died of consumption in Terryville some six years after his discharge. (7) Henry served five years in the Mexican war, also fought in the Rebellion, and died in New York about 1897. (8) Otilla married Henry Scherr, and resides in New York City. They have six children living. (9) Adeline married Charles Clump, and resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Christian Michael, our subject's father, came to America in 1859, and remained at Meriden, Conn., with his sister, Mrs. Henry Scherr, for about two months. He then removed to New Britain, where he resided until February, 1862, and has since made his home at Terryville. His wife died in March, 1897. Our subject was the eldest of a family of ten children, of whom three died in childhood. Of the others, Louis resides in Bristol. Louisa, wife of Carlton B. Ives, resides in Bristol. Lillian is the wife of George Scherr, of Bristol. Conrad resides in Terryville. Minnie married Louis Burg, of Bristol. Emma died at the age of sixteen.

Charles F. Michael was ten years old when he came to America with his parents, and his education was gained partly in his native land. He attended the public schools of Meriden and New Britain, and later entered the employ of J. B. Sargent, of New Britain, with whom he remained only six months, as the family removed to Terryville. There he worked at the manufacture of cabinet locks for a year, and was afterward engaged with Eli Terry, a manufacturer of clock springs, until the closing up of that business. He was next employed by the Eagle Bit & Buckle Co., with whom he learned the business of silver plating, and remained until the firm dissolved, when he entered the employ of Gaylord, Mix & Co., mail bag lock manufacturers. Two years later this business was purchased by the Eagle Lock Co., and Mr. Michael remained with the latter firm until 1872, when he

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removed to Winsted, Conn., and kept a billiard saloon for a year. In 1873 he removed to Bristol, and on Aug. 31, of that year, he purchased the land upon which the "Commercial House" now stands. On the following day ground was broken and work commenced, and on April 1, 1874, he opened his hotel under the name of the "Bismark House." In 1875 he sold out the hotel and removed to Terryville, where he remained two years, but on his return to Bristol he resumed the management of the hotel, which in the interval had been renamed the "Commercial House." Some six years later he again sold out the hotel, but a year later resumed its management. In 1889 he again sold out, but since 1890 he has operated the hotel continuously. He is also builder and owner of the Bristol Opera House, and treasurer and manager of the *Bristol Journal*, the only daily paper in the borough of Bristol. He and his family are much esteemed socially, and he belongs to Pequabuck Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F., being a charter member; the Daughters of Rebekah, same order; Adelphi Lodge, No. 12, New England Order of Protection; Bristol Lodge, No. 28, A. O. U. W.; and Guttenburg Lodge, No. 570, D. O. H. He has always been a Democrat, and was elected justice of the peace, but did not serve. He served one term on the board of burgesses, when Dr. E. P. Woodward was warden.

On March 23, 1872, Mr. Michael was married, at Terryville, to Miss Katie Burg, who was born in Greenfield, Mass., daughter of Theobald and Elizabeth Burg, natives of Germany. Five children have blessed the union: Louise Frances, born March 16, 1873, who was married, Feb. 22, 1898, to Charles Russell Riley, of Bristol; William Burg, born Feb. 19, 1875, who was married, May 12, 1898, to Miss Louise Ahl, of Agawam, Mass.; Frederick Burg, born May 5, 1877; George Burg, born July 17, 1880; and Ruth Burg, born May 12, 1894.

DAVID KINGHORN, an expert horseshoer of East Hartford, is a native of New York City, and was born June 27, 1858, the eldest of the six children that constituted the family of Henry and Martha (Ralston) Kinghorn, natives of Scotland. David Kinghorn, the father of Henry, had a family of four sons and one daughter, all of whom came to America, and of whom two are still living: George, a carpenter in Hartford, Conn.; and Mrs. Lawson, a resident of Gallipolis, Ohio.

Henry Kinghorn learned his trade of horseshoer in his native land, came to the United States while yet single, and in New York married Martha, a daughter of Matthew Ralston, who brought his family from Scotland to New York, and there passed the remainder of his life. To Henry and Martha Kinghorn were born four sons and two daughters, the sons being David, the subject of this sketch; William, of Silver street, East Hartford; Harry, a blacksmith of Hartford; and James, who died in Hartford at the age of thirty-eight years. In 1862 Henry Kinghorn brought his family to Hartford, and here he died at the age of about fifty years; here his wife also died, when forty-eight years old. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Kinghorn was a Republican, but took only a voting interest in the party. He was an exceptionally good mechanic, capable of converting iron into any implement usually made from that metal, and was able to support his family comfortably. He was of a quiet, inoffensive disposition, and greatly respected by his associates and neighbors.

David Kinghorn, the subject of this notice, was a child of four years when brought to Hartford by his parents. He first attended the old stone (public) school on Market street, and afterward the Brown school, and at the age of fifteen years left his studies to learn horseshoeing under his father, for whom he worked until the death of the latter. He then assumed charge of the business on his own account, and followed it at No. 10 Charles street until 1897, when he located in East Hartford, where he had previously resided for several years; he established his shop on Governor street, where he now owns a three-story tenement and his own dwelling, which is a double house, with his shop on the rear of the lot.

Mr. Kinghorn married Miss Mary Kearnen, a native of New York, and to this union have been born three children, Elizabeth, David and Francis, all of whom are deceased. Mrs. Kinghorn is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at East Hartford, and socially Mr. Kinghorn is a member of Hartford Lodge, No. 19, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Republican, but, while he votes regularly, he takes little interest in party politics, and as a rule at town elections votes for the candidate he thinks best fitted to execute the duties of the office to be filled.

Mr. Kinghorn inherits much of his father's skill as a mechanic, and has built up an excellent business in his line, in which he has had twenty-five years' experience. He is an industrious, strictly temperate and reliable citizen, and has won the respect of all other worthy citizens of his town. He still owns the blacksmith shop at No. 10 Charles street, Hartford, which is in charge of his brother Harry. He is self-made, in the fullest sense of the term as ordinarily applied to successful men of business, and deserves full credit for having attained his present high standing.

WILLIAM H. WARNER, at present (1900) serving as one of the selectmen of Wethersfield, is a wealthy farmer and influential citizen of that town. He was born Oct. 1, 1853, and belongs to a family reckoned among the earliest and most respected in Wethersfield. A genealogical history of the Warner family may be found elsewhere, but it is worth while to trace Mr. Warner's ancestry back for a few generations, in the present connection, with a

view of affording the reader a partial view of his family connections. His great-grandfather, John Warner, Sr., and grandfather, John Warner, Jr., were also natives of Wethersfield, and lived on the farm now occupied by our subject's brother, John C. Warner.

Horace Warner, father of William H., was born in Wethersfield, and there grew to manhood. His education was of a practical rather than a theoretical character, and was of a sort well calculated to lay a solid foundation for a successful business career. He was a large grower of produce—particularly onions—which he shipped to New York and other markets, earning a moderate, though satisfactory, profit. He was broad-minded on all questions, and a man of sincere convictions. Politically he was a Democrat, although not a "hide-bound" partisan. His religious opinions were liberal. His life was blameless, and in the community in which he lived, and where his daily walk was as an open book, his character for probity was never questioned, while his amiability and generosity made for him many friends. He died Aug. 16, 1883, in the enjoyment of the undisguised respect of the townspeople of Wethersfield.

In January, 1840, Mr. Warner married Abigail H. Hills, whose father was a deacon in the Congregational Church of Buckingham, Hartford county. She died Nov. 4, 1878, a communicant of the Episcopal Church; her remains rest in Cedar Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were the parents of five sons and two daughters, of whom two sons, born March 16, 1841, and Feb. 4, 1848, respectively, died in infancy. Those who reached maturity were: Ellen Maria, born June 15, 1842, married Josiah G. Adams Dec. 30, 1863; John Chester was born July 10, 1845; Rosalie Rebecca, born June 14, 1849, died Sept. 1, 1871; Frederick Walton was born April 4, 1851; and William H. was born Oct. 1, 1853.

William H. Warner was educated in the district schools, at Wethersfield Academy, and at Cheshire College, an Episcopal educational institution. At the age of nineteen, inspired by a desire to see more of the world, and in the hope of finding better fortune than seemed to be offered by his native town, he went West. He first found employment in Indianapolis, with Pettis, Ives & Co., and also went to St. Louis, where he worked for three years in a clerical capacity, and later was traveling salesman for a Chicago house for the same period. At the end of this time he returned home and entered the store of Brown & Thomson, at Hartford, passing another three years in this employ, when he determined to abandon mercantile life and become a farmer. Since forming this resolve he has followed agriculture, in which he has met with well-deserved success, and in adition to his farm work he has an agency for the sale of agricultural implements. He is enterprising and progressive, and thoroughly well informed on all important topics of the day; an independent thinker, yet not self-opinionated. In his private business his sense of honor is high, and as a citizen he is always ready to bear his full share of public burdens. That he is held in high esteem is shown by the fact that in 1896 he was elected a selectman, and has held the office ever since, through re-election. He and his wife are members of the Grange, in whose prosperity he takes a lively interest, and in which he holds the office of overseer. Politically he is a Democrat. His religious faith is that which he learned from his mother in childhood; he is a vestryman in the Episcopal Church, and a liberal contributor to its support and work.

On Aug. 12, 1884, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Rose Chapman, a daughter of Frederick Talcott and Elizabeth Hale (Gilbert) Chapman, of Wethersfield, and two children have been born to them: Elizabeth Hale Chapman (at present a pupil in the high school) and Abigail Rose.

OLIN LYMAN WETHERELL. A wide-awake and enterprising business man, and a skilled mechanic, the subject of this sketch has become one of the successful citizens of Newington. A native of that town, he was born on Cedar street, July 4, 1845, and is a son of Lyman and Prudence (Morgan) Wetherell, natives of Glastonbury and Wethersfield, Hartford Co., Conn., respectively. The paternal grandparents, Marcus and Rohama (Bidwell) Wetherell, were residents of Glastonbury, and their remains are interred at that place. As a life occupation the father and grandfather both followed blacksmithing, the former conducting a shop where our subject is now engaged in the same business. There Lyman Wetherell died in 1890, aged seventy-two years, and his wife passed away at Elmwood in 1898, aged eighty-one; both were laid to rest in Newington cemetery.

Olin L. Wetherell obtained his literary education in the public schools of Newington, and at the early age of nine years commenced learning the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, his first work being pointing nails. Leaving home at the age of twenty-two years, he went to Troy, N. Y., where for ten years he was employed as a tool sharpener and stone cutter in the monumental works of W. H. & L. L. Dyer. The following four years he devoted to stone cutting for a Mr. Manson, in Albany, N. Y., and for six months was engaged in the same business in Saratoga, and later in Stony Creek for the same length of time. Returning to Albany, he resumed work with his former employer, with whom he remained a year, at the end of that time coming to Newington, where he assisted his father until the latter's death. He then took charge of the shop, and has since conducted the same with marked success, winning a liberal patronage by fair and honorable dealing and first-class work.

In 1869 Mr. Wetherell married Miss Lillie Richards, daughter of Francis G. and Priscilla (Renough) Richards, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Augusta, who was born May 4, 1882,

and is now attending school in Newington. Socially Mr. Wetherell is a member of Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M., of West Hartford; Our Brothers Lodge, No. 41, Sr. O. U. A. M., of Newington; and the Colony of Pilgrim Fathers, No. 45, of Newington. He is one of the most prominent representatives of the Republican party in his community, and is now serving as chairman of the Republican executive committee of Newington. Through his able management the party has come off victorious at all recent elections with the exception of that of 1897, when there was a split in the party ranks. Our subject has capably filled the positions of constable and grand juror, and a trust reposed in him has never been misplaced.

JOHN COLLINS, a leading grocer of Plantsville, is a self-made man who, without pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, battled earnestly and energetically, and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved success. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward.

Mr. Collins was born in County Kerry, Ireland, Dec. 23, 1844, a son of John and Jane (McCarthy) Collins, who came to America in 1849, and located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. There our subject was educated in the common schools, and there he remained until fifteen years of age. In 1859 he became a resident of Plantsville, Hartford Co., Conn., where he was employed in the bolt shop of the Plant Manufacturing Co. until 1863, and then worked as a molder for the Peck, Smith & Wilcox Co., until 1868. In the latter year he embarked in the grocery business, to which he has since devoted his time and attention with most gratifying results. He is now the oldest merchant, in years of continuous business, in Plantsville. He erected his present block in 1870, and has the best appointed store in the place.

In November, 1872, Mr. Collins married Miss Hannah Carmody, a daughter of John and Hannah Carmody, of Plantsville, and to them were born two daughters, Maggie and Annie. Mr. Collins is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is unswerving in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has most efficiently served as a member of the board of assessors four years, and as a member of the board of burgesses for the same length of time.

RANSOM WRISLEY. There are few people in the vicinity of Glastonbury who do not know Capt. Ransom Wrisley, there are none who know him who are not warm in their expressions of friendliness and regard. He is a successful farmer and in earlier life followed the sea. One of his memorable experiences was the spectacle of the history-making fight between the "Monitor" and the "Merrimac." Capt. Wrisley was at Hampton Roads, sailing his schooner, the "Marietta Smith," and is one of the few surviving eye witnesses of that terrific and momentous battle of the first ironclads.

The Wrisley family is an old one in the annals of Connecticut, and George Wrisley, the grandfather of Capt. Ransom Wrisley, was familiarly known as "Uncle George Wrisley," and was one of the most prominent men of his time; he erected the house at Glastonbury now occupied by our subject. He was a lifelong farmer, thrifty and prosperous, and at one time owned land three miles in length, extending from Glastonbury to Wethersfield. He reared a large family. His remains rest in the old cemetery at Glastonbury.

George Smith Wrisley, the father of our subject, was born in the home now occupied by his son. He received the common schooling which the times afforded, and early in life applied himself to farming, a vocation which he followed all his years. For some time prior to his death, in 1859, he was an invalid. He married Miss Sarah Keeney, who was born and reared on Keeney street, Glastonbury, one of the four daughters of Ashbel Keeney, a farmer, the others being Mrs. Daniel Winslow, Mrs. David King and Mrs. Giles House. To George Smith and Sarah Wrisley were born three children—Winthrop, Ann and Ransom. Winthrop became a sailor, in early life sailing a boat between Portland quarries and various ports along the coast, and later in life sailing on the Great Lakes; his first wife was Emma House, and after her death he married a lady from Michigan. Ann married P. L. Phelps, and lived in Glastonbury.

Ransom Wrisley was born in July, 1831, in the house which he now occupies. He received a fair education in his boyhood years, but early manifested a liking for the water, and was first employed by Samuel Colt in boating stone, which was used in the construction of the factory. He was a favorite employe of the famous manufacturer who often referred to Mr. Wrisley as "My Captain." Later Capt. Wrisley purchased a vessel, and was engaged in carrying government stones to the South during the Civil war, and he would stop at various ports and take on a cargo of coal. Mrs. Wrisley frequently accompanied her husband on these coastwise voyages. They often sailed the Potomac when that river was crowded with vessels, and it was while thus engaged that Capt. Wrisley put into Hampton Roads one day with his schooner "Marietta Smith," and witnessed the thrilling naval engagement between the little "Monitor" and the formidable "Merrimac." Later he ran the schooner "L. Benedict." After the war Capt. Wrisley gave up sailing and returned to the home farm, which he has since occupied.

Capt. Wrisley married Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was born Nov. 14, 1833, daughter of Shubael and Mary (Wrisley) Smith, and was one of a family of eleven children. To our subject and wife have been born no children, but they have given a

home to several, among them Mary E. Dunnel, adopted by our subject when she was a girl of five years, and who is now the wife of William Millick, of Glastonbury. In politics Capt. Wrisley is a Democrat, but he has never sought office. He is prominent in the fraternal orders of Glastonbury and has been a Mason for forty-two years, being one of the oldest in the town, a member of Daskam Lodge, No. 86. He is also a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Glastonbury, and a member of Monitor Council, No. 61, O. U. A. M. Mrs. Wrisley is a member of the Episcopal Church. Capt. Wrisley has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, is a successful farmer, and by his popular characteristics wields a wide influence for good throughout the community.

FREDERICK ALBERT BIDWELL, a successful agriculturist of Canton, has been prominently identified with public affairs in that town for many years, and is now holding the office of selectman. He belongs to an old and well-known family, being a descendant of John Bidwell, a pioneer settler in Hartford.

Thomas Bidwell, the first of the name to locate in Canton, was born in Windsor in 1701, son of John Bidwell. About 1740 he removed to what is now the town of Canton and engaged in farming, and his death occurred there in 1746, his remains being interred in Town Hill cemetery, at New Hartford. He married Ruhama Pinney, and had four children: Abigail, born in 1734, married Thomas Cone, and died in 1810; Ruhannah (or Hannah) married James Cornish, and died in 1814; Thomas is mentioned below; and Prudence married Aaron Pinney. Mrs. Bidwell survived her husband, and afterward married Ephraim Wilcox, by whom she had five children: Philander, Martin, Asa, Jehiel, and Chloe (who married Elijah Humphrey).

Thomas Bidwell (2), son of Thomas, was born in 1738, and was but two years old when the family located in Canton, where he resided at the homestead throughout life, making farming his occupation. He died in 1802, and his wife, Esther Orton, who was born in 1737, died in 1823, in her eighty-seventh year. Of their six children, the eldest, Jehiel, born in 1760, was taken prisoner at Fort Washington in November, 1776, and died in 1777, from the effects of the hardships endured; Riverius, born in 1762, died in 1822, and his wife, Phebe Roberts, died in 1837; Thomas is next in the line of descent; Norman, born in 1768, married Falla Hills, and died in 1849; Lois, born in 1773, married Dr. Abram Peet, and died in 1828; Jasper, born in 1775, married Lucy Richards, and died in 1848.

Thomas Bidwell (3), son of Thomas (2), was born in 1764 in Canton, where he engaged in farming all his life, and was highly esteemed as a citizen. He attained the ripe old age of eighty-three years, and his death occurred in 1848. His wife, Lavinia Humphrey, who was born in 1765, and died about the same time as her husband, was a daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Garrett) Humphrey. Her father was the first magistrate in West Simsbury, and was a son of Jonathan, grandson of Samuel, and great-grandson of Michael Humphrey, a pioneer of Simsbury. The following children were born of this marriage: Thomas is mentioned below; Lucien married (first) Emily Graham, daughter of Freeman Graham, and later wedded Hannah Graham, a half-sister of his first wife; Harriet married Aaron Lyon; Flora married Luther Higly; and Sarah M. was the second wife of Luther Higly.

Thomas Bidwell (4), our subject's grandfather, was born in 1792, and became a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Canton. He was industrious and honest, and his life was based upon Christian principles. He married Dencey Case, daughter of Ozias and Mary (Hill) Case, and they had three children: Franklin A., who married Lucia Ann Dyer, daughter of Zenas Dyer, of Canton; Mary, who married Theron Merrill, son of Isaac Merrill; and Albert Frederick, father of our subject.

Albert F. Bidwell was born in Canton Jan. 5, 1818, and was educated in the schools of that town. As he was quite young when his father died he was reared by his grandfather and his uncle, Jasper Bidwell, and in early manhood settled upon our subject's present homestead in Canton Center, where he engaged in general farming, tobacco growing, stock raising and dairying. He was industrious and enterprising, making many improvements upon the place, and his home and the comfort and welfare of his family were his chief interests. He neglected no duty as a citizen, and was a leading Republican, serving as selectman and in various other offices. For many years he was a prominent member of the Congregational Church. His death occurred Nov. 4, 1873, his remains being interred at Canton Center. He was married, March 20, 1845, to Henrietta R. Pike, a native of New Marlboro, Mass., and a daughter of Hiram and Olive (Rood) Pike. Of their five children: (1) Mary E., born June 8, 1847, died Nov. 27, 1867; (2) Hiram P., born Jan. 31, 1849, married Gertrude Burr, of Bloomfield, and died June 1, 1892, leaving two children, Edna G. and Frederick H.; (3) Frederick A. is mentioned more fully below; (4) George E., born Dec. 21, 1858, is a prominent farmer of East Granby; (5) Thomas S., born March 29, 1861, a well-known citizen of Canton Center, operates the farm of Deacon Warren C. Humphrey. On Nov. 15, 1888, he married Harriet Seville Hinman, who was born in Canton, daughter of Julius Hinman, and they have had three children—Clara Louise, born Dec. 6, 1889; Burton Thomas, born Aug. 26, 1891; and Leland Hinman, born Aug. 14, 1895. The mother of our subject was married a second time, in 1874, to Dea-

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con Warren C. Humphrey, who died Feb. 6, 1890, and whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Our subject was born in Canton Center Dec. 16, 1850, and was educated in the district schools of the town and at Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. He has been engaged in farming on the homestead, of which he took charge after his father's death, the farm containing 130 acres, and carries on general farming in connection with dairying, stock raising and tobacco growing. He is one of the leading Republicans of the town, and in 1889 was a member of the State Legislature; has also served three years as assessor, and is now serving his eleventh year as selectman. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and has been steward of the church and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially he is a member of Village Lodge, No. 29, F. & A. M., and Cawasa Grange, in which latter he held the rank of master for four years.

On Nov. 19, 1874, Mr. Bidwell was married, in Canton, to Miss Sadie M. North, who was born in Berlin, daughter of John and Abigail M. (Austin) North, and granddaughter of John and Harriet North, of Berlin, of whom further mention is made elsewhere. Four children have blessed the union: Mary; Albert Frederick, who completed the course of study in the local schools and spent two years at Storr's Agricultural College; and Sarah and Isabelle, now attending the public schools of Canton Center.

WALLACE G. WRISLEY is one of the pushing and energetic business men of Windsor, carrying on operations as a farmer and dealer in coal, lumber, ice, brick and woods, and also does a general trucking business. He was born in Windsor in January, 1849, the eldest in a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, born to Walter and Elizabeth (Gates) Wrisley, natives of Glastonbury and West Hartford, Conn., respectively. For years they made their home in Windsor, where both died, the father at the age of sixty-five, the mother at the age of fifty-four years, and they were buried there.

At the tender age of eight years Wallace G. Wrisley began to work away from home, and has since been dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. His lot was that which falls to a poor boy, and while attending the Stony Hill district school in winter he did chores for his board. When a lad he worked for Deacon Paine, and later for William Mills for several years. Subsequently he was a student at Windsor Academy under Prof. Standish for a time, but his educational advantages were meager. At the age of fifteen he was well developed, and able to do a big day's work. When sixteen he practically had charge of the farm work for Mr. Mills, and showed good executive ability and sound judgment in its management. After the death of his employer he remained upon his farm for a short time, and at the age of eighteen returned to his father's home. Together he and his father embarked in the wood business—reducing timber into fire wood, and selling the same by the cord. On attaining his majority he had a capital of $250, saved from his earnings. For some years he carried on the wood business exclusively, but later became interested in brick-making and bought land as his means permitted. From time to time he has increased his landed possessions, so that his present property represents several purchases. For over twenty years he has been engaged in cutting and storing ice, as well as in the sale of same, carrying on this in connection with his farming and lumber operations, and in 1894 he established his present prosperous coal business, being now one of the most extensive coal dealers in Windsor. He has made his home in Windsor Center since the spring of 1874.

Mr. Wrisley was united in marriage with Miss Lecta Mack, who was born in Windsor Jan. 24, 1850, a daughter of George A. and Eliza M. (Reynolds) Mack. Her mother died Feb. 1, 1852. Her father was station agent at Windsor for many years, and one of its well-known and honored citizens. His parents were William and Charlotte (Allen) Mack, the former born in 1783, a son of Andrew and Sally (Pease) Mack. Andrew Mack was one of the Hessian soldiers in the Revolutionary war, was captured at Ticonderoga, imprisoned at Newgate Prison, and joined the Federal army when released. Charlotte (Allen) Mack, the grandmother of Mrs. Wrisley, was a relative of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. To our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Mack A., Walter B., Annie, George F., Lizzie, Wallace G., Joseph and Lillian, all living with the exception of Wallace G.

As a Republican Mr. Wrisley takes an active interest in political affairs, has served his fellow citizens as constable and deputy sheriff, and for years was a member of the jury list. He is a charter member of the O. U. A. M. at Windsor, and he and his family attend the Congregational Church, to which they are liberal contributors. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success in life, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries has been a decided advantage to Windsor, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

SAMUEL J. MILLS, a highly respected agriculturist of Bloomfield, is a native of the town, and was born July 16, 1833. His father, Ammi Mills, was a son of Elihu Mills, an extensive farmer, and was also a native of this town, born in 1800. Ammi Mills married Miss Rebecca Loomis, daughter of Jacob Loomis, and they became the parents of nine children, four of whom reached the years of maturity, viz.: Susan R. (who died in 1846), Samuel J., Anson A. and Gustavus D. The other children died in childhood. The father of this family died in March, 1848, a member of the Congregational

Church, and the mother in 1854, in the same faith.

Samuel J. Mills was preliminarily educated in the district school of Bloomfield, and subsequently attended the Suffield Institute and the high school at Hotchkissville, in the town of Woodbury, but at the early age of eighteen years the management of the home farm was thrust upon him, and this has been his care up to the present time.

On Nov. 8, 1854, Mr. Mills was united in marriage with Miss Antoinette V. Whitmore, and this felicitous union has been blessed with two children—Hattie Virginia and William J.—the latter of the firm of Besse, Mills & Co., of Holyoke, Mass. Mr. Mills is a Democrat in politics, but is very popular with all parties, and at one time was the candidate for selectman on both the Democratic and Republican tickets. He served as first selectman of the town in 1862, 1863 and 1868, and for eight years was town treasurer. Fraternally he is past master of Hiram Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M., at Bloomfield, and is also a member of Pythagoras Chapter, of the same order, at Hartford.

WALDO ERASTUS GILBERT, who for nearly thirty years has been a valued and trusted employe of the P. & F. Corbin Manufacturing Co., of New Britain, fifteen years of which period he has been foreman of their packing department, is a native of the town, and in it, with little exception, his life has been passed.

Born Jan. 21, 1856, Mr. Gilbert is a son of Moses Gilbert, and a grandson of Moses Gilbert, both natives of Berlin. The grandfather in his earlier life followed an occupation at the time engaging the attention of many New Englanders—that of peddling clocks through the South. He was in the business for a time on his own account, and had perhaps a dozen or more men selling for him. Later he carried on farming in the town of Berlin. His son Moses, our subject's father, in his early life was a sea-faring man, but later was occupied as a general painter. He married Lucilla J., daughter of Jefferson Steele, and a native of Berlin. During the Civil war Moses Gilbert performed honorable service in defense of the Union as a member of the 14th Conn. V. I.

Our subject's boyhood was passed in the towns of New Britain and Berlin, his father having removed to Berlin when the son was six years of age, and returned to New Britain some five or six years later. Young Gilbert received his education in the common schools of those towns, attending in Berlin the old No. 6 district school, in Christian Lane, in the neighborhood of the old Gilbert homestead. From the age of twelve to fifteen, while living in New Britain, young Gilbert underwent an operation on his limbs which necessitated his confinement to the house for quite a period, and he was thereby deprived of attendance at school. When he was about fifteen his parents again moved to Berlin, where for a time the son again was in school. In 1872 he entered the employ of the lock department of the P. & F. Corbin Manufacturing Co., at New Britain, there beginning a career with a small industry with which he has grown up, and assisted materially in the development, though only an employe, by his fidelity to duty in the care of his daily performance of every trust assigned to his charge during a period of nearly a third of a century. During this time he has been an eye witness to the great change wrought by the activity, industry and ability of the men who have been at the head of an enterprise which, from a small beginning, has become a great manufactory, the largest of its kind in the United States, where are employed nearly 2,000 hands. After eighteen months' service with this company our subject left it, and for six months was employed at the Russell & Erwin factory. Returning to his former employers, he accepted a position in their packing department, and as packer performed service from 1874 to 1885, when, owing to faithfulness and ability, he was rewarded by promotion to the position of foreman of the packing department of the concern, a position he has since efficiently filled. In 1897 Mr. Gilbert purchased property on Dwight street, in New Britain, and on the ground built a business block and nice home. For a time he was here engaged in the grocery business, which was mainly in charge of his family, as he himself retained his position in the Corbin factory, but he sold the business after a year and a half. In his political views our subject is a stanch Republican, and from boyhood has been interested and active in politics. He served on the school committee in Berlin, and also as a justice of the peace. Socially he is prominent, being a member of Lexington Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., at New Britain; and of St. Elmo Lodge, No. 21, K. of P., at the same place, in which he has served as past chancellor, also three times representing his lodge at the grand lodge, New Haven. He is a member of other orders, in which he takes a great interest, giving of both his time and money to their support. For five years he was a member of Company D, 1st Regiment, Conn. N. G., and when honorably discharged he was serving as quartermaster-sergeant of his company. He contributed an article on the company which was published in the *New Britain Daily News* May 20, 1899, and was widely read and favorably commented on. His religious connections are with the Congregational Church.

On Dec. 23, 1876, Mr. Gilbert was married to Delia C. Coyne, and to this marriage have come children as follows: Harry Waldo, Lillie A., Lucilia Ruth, and Ethel (now deceased).

DEXTER FULLER REMINGTON, the leading agriculturist and tobacco grower of Suffield, Hartford county, was born July 7, 1845, on the farm on which he still resides, known as the Fuller farm.

Thomas Remington, his father, was born at Hastings Hill, this county, and when still young was taken to the Fuller farm, where he grew to manhood, and passed his remaining years in the cultivation of his 300-acre tract. He married Mary Fuller, daughter of John and Mary (Remington) Fuller, and to this union were born two children: Jane M., who was married to H. K. Ford; and Dexter F., whose name opens this sketch. Thomas Remington was called from earth Aug. 12, 1872, and his wife died Feb. 9, 1887; no more honored couple ever lived in Suffield.

Dexter F. Remington was educated in the public schools of Suffield, the select schools of Springfield, Mass., and the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield. He remained on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then located in Springfield, where he engaged in the grain trade with his cousin, Frank Remington. A year later he returned to the homestead, where he has remained ever since, devoting his attention chiefly to the cultivation of tobacco, in connection with general farming, dairying, stock raising and dealing, his farm retaining its original dimensions of 300 acres.

Mr. Remington was married, in Springfield, Sept. 23, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Parker, who was born at Warehouse Point, Conn., was educated at the high school of Springfield, Mass., and is a lady of more than ordinary culture. She is a daughter of Marshall P. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Parker, natives of Vermont, the former of whom was one of the most eminent citizens of Springfield, where he died in 1898. His father, Iric Parker, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and the father of Iric was a hero of the war of the Revolution.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Remington have been born four children: (1) George D., who was educated in the district schools of Suffield, Wilbraham Academy, and the Business College of Hartford, is now farming on the old homestead; he married Margaret Crawford, a native of Scotland, and they have one child, Marion. (2) Thomas R. was also a student in the Suffield Literary Institute, and is also on the old homestead. (3) Mildred E., a student of the same Institute, is a young lady of refined character and genial disposition. (4) Edith Cooper, the youngest of the family, is still at school.

Mr. Remington and his sons are Republicans in politics. He is a member of the O. U. A. M. at Suffield, and he and his family attend the Baptist Church. No family in Suffield stand higher in the esteem of the community, and no more useful and progressive man resides in Suffield than Dexter Fuller Remington.

ARTHUR HUMISTON MERRIMAN, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Southington, was born in that town April 5, 1866.

Our subject is a worthy representative of an honored old Connecticut family, which was founded in this country by Nathaniel Merriman, who was born in England about 1614, and was one of the pioneers of New Haven, where he located as early as 1630. In October, 1665, he was confirmed sergeant of the New Haven train-band by the General Court. In 1672 he removed to Wallingford, where he was confirmed lieutenant of the train-band; on Nov. 1, 1675, was appointed captain of the Troop of Dragoons raised in New Haven county, and in 1691-92 was by vote continued in that office. He signed the Plantation Covenant at New Haven in 1639, and in 1673 was on a committee to fix the boundary lines between Wallingford and other towns. He served as deputy to the General Court from Wallingford, and died there Feb. 13, 1694, at the age of eighty years. His son, John Merriman, was born in New Haven in February, 1659, and was married, March 28, 1683, to Hannah Lines, of that city. Their son, Rev. John Merriman, was born Oct. 16, 1691, and was married, Feb. 24, 1726, to Jemima Wilcox. He was a Baptist minister, and was among the first to join that denomination in Wallingford, in 1729. In 1738 he became pastor of the Baptist Church of that place, in 1750 resigning and retiring to the southwestern part of Southington, where he died Feb. 17, 1784. His son, John Merriman, was born in Wallingford Sept. 12, 1728, and died in Southington April 13, 1801. The latter was the father of Caleb Merriman, great-grandfather of our subject, who was born June 8, 1768, and was married, June 1, 1801, to Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Allen, of Middletown, Conn. He lived on the West mountain road. The grandfather, Ebenezer Merriman, a lifelong resident of Southington, was born March 19, 1807, and was married, April 12, 1835, to Eliza Hall, a daughter of Sylvester Hall, of East Haddam. He was for many years employed in the shops of Plantsville.

John B. Merriman, our subject's father, was born in Plantsville June 16, 1836, and spent his entire life in Southington, being for many years an employe of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. He died in the spring of 1899, at the age of sixty-three years. On April 9, 1862, he married Philinda Humiston, daughter of John Humiston, a native of Rutland, Vt., who spent most of his life on the farm now occupied by our subject, and died there. To John B. Merriman and wife were born five children, four of whom reached years of maturity: Arthur H., our subject; Nettie, wife of Elbert Atwood; Ella; and Joseph.

Our subject was reared on the old Humiston homestead, where nearly all his life has been passed, and where he is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and the manufacture of cider. In June, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Andrews, daughter of Elmer and Caroline E. (Sizer) Andrews, of Wolcott, and to them have been born three children: Edson A., Irving H. and Warren E. Mr. Merriman affiliates with the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, and casts his ballot for the men and measures of the Republican party. He is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, takes a deep interest in the public welfare, and does all in his power to advance the interests of his town and county.

GEORGE F. DAY is one of the prominent citizens of the town of Manchester, where he successfully conducts a general store, besides being interested in other lines of trade, to which more particular reference will be made in a succeeding paragraph. He is one of the town's oldest and most successful merchants. Mr. Day was born upon a farm in Franklin county, Mass., Sept. 9, 1839, and comes of a long-lived, stalwart ancestry, his father reaching the age of ninety, and his grandfather dying at ninety-seven, while neither ever found it necessary to consult a physician.

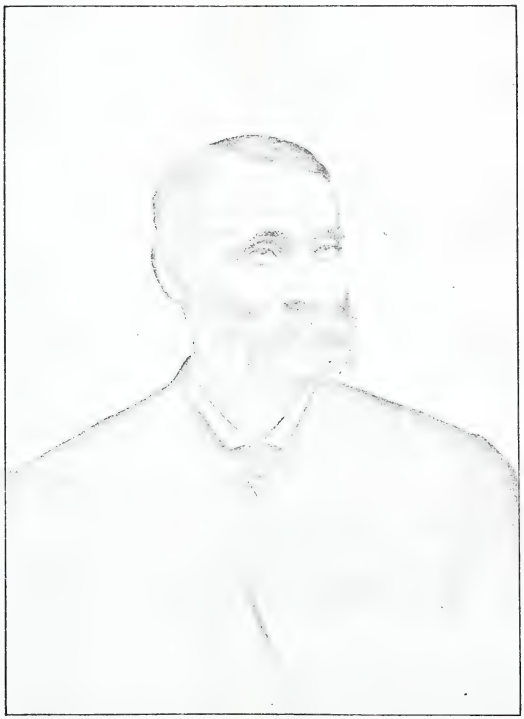
George F. Day attended the common schools of his home district, and later the academy at Deerfield, and at the age of fourteen began the study of telegraphy. His aptitude and application were such that when but fifteen years old he was given a position as operator and placed in charge of a railway station office. After nine months' experience he was obliged, through failing eyesight, to abandon the work and seek a new source of livelihood. He thereupon learned the moulder's and painter's trades, which he followed for some time, and in 1874 he came to Manchester, Conn., and opened a general store, in partnership with J. W. Hall, the firm continuing for twenty years, when Mr. Day purchased his partner's interest therein, and has since conducted the business alone. Besides carrying a large assorted stock of general merchandise he also deals extensively in hay, grain and feed, as well as in wagons and buggies, and, in addition, conducts a well-equipped and flourishing livery stable. In the conduct of these large business interests his energy, no less than the iron constitution which has come down to him through two generations, stand him in good stead. No detail escapes his personal notice, and he devotes to business cares an average of seventeen hours daily—a record which, it is safe to say, cannot be equaled in the county, if in the State.

Mr. Day is a Republican in politics; socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and the Knights of Honor. He was married, in 1876, to Mrs. Henry T. Lawrence, who has borne him two children: Oliver, and one that died in infancy.

HON. L. R. LORD, the efficient and popular postmaster at Poquonock, is a representative of the best type of American citizenship. As a business man his ability is well known, as he has made his own way to success, while his honorable record as a soldier in the Union army fully demonstrates his patriotism and manly courage. For many years he has served ably in official positions, including that of member of the Connecticut Legislature, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he has held the office of postmaster in the village during every Republican administration since 1882. The keynote of his career may be said to have been devotion to duty from the time when, as a poor boy, he assisted his parents with his scanty earnings, to the present day, in which, as a prosperous and respected citizen, he uses his wealth and influence to advance the best interests of his community.

Mr. Lord was born at Poquonock Jan. 28, 1835, and is a descendant of an old and highly respected family, his ancestors having been engaged in farming in this section for several generations. He is a grandson of Gabus E. Lord, and son of Constant S. Lord. Our subject's father married Elizabeth Nye, and settled upon a farm in East Windsor, but the last eleven years of his life were passed at the home of our subject, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He and his wife had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, our subject being fourth in the order of birth. Of the sons only two others are now living: Samuel L., a resident of California; and Harlow A., a resident of Hartford, Conn. The other two met their death as soldiers in the Civil war, Andrew J. being killed at Atlanta, while serving in Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., and Orton L. at Antietam, while a member of Company A, 8th Conn. V. I.

Owing to the limited circumstances of his parents Mr. Lord had but meager educational advantages in youth, and at the age of twelve years he began working in Ellington for his board, remaining a year and a half. After a short interval he found employment on a farm at $8 per month, his wages being given to his parents, and when seventeen he entered a machine shop at Manchester, with the intention of learning the trade. One winter's work sufficed to show him that the business was not congenial, and in the spring he began to peddle tinware, making a trip to western New York and back. An attack of typhoid fever in the fall kept him at home for some time, and he then secured work in a gristmill in East Windsor, where he continued until his enlistment, in August, 1862, in Company G, 25th Conn. V. I. He served a little over a year, being honorably discharged in September, 1863, and during this time was always fit for duty, participating in all the marches and engagements of his regiment. On his return he rented the Osborne mill, in East Windsor, but his health failing after several years he was obliged to give up that line of work. In 1872 he bought from C. R. Hatheway, now deceased, the mercantile business at Poquonock, which he has since conducted, the firm being at first Moshier & Lord. In 1878 Mr. Moshier retired, and for three years the firm was known as Lord & Co., later becoming Lord & Tourtellotte, and on the death of the junior partner Mr. Lord's son Nelson R. entered the firm, which has since con-



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tinued as Lord & Son. In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Lord gives close attention to the management of his homestead, a fine estate near Poquonock, and an orchard of 1,500 peach trees, set out by him, is his special pride. Politically he has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, his first vote having been cast for John C. Fremont, and at various times he has held offices of responsibility and trust. For some years he was on the school committee of East Windsor, serving as treasurer of the district, and for more than twenty years he has been treasurer of the "night school district" in Poquonock. In 1881-82 he represented the town of Windsor in the State Legislature, and in the latter year received appointment to his position of postmaster at Poquonock.

Mr. Lord's first wife was Miss Ellen M. Barber, daughter of Henry Barber, a well-known resident of East Windsor. She died June 14, 1882, and he subsequently married Miss Frances H. Carter, of Hartford, daughter of Francis B. Carter, a prominent citizen of that place. By the first marriage there were two sons: Nelson R., of the firm of Lord & Son; and Clinton, who is at home. To the second union have been born three children: L. Roland, Genevieve and Jasper. Mr. Lord and his wife are popular in social life, and are leading members of the Congregational Church, in which he has been treasurer for twenty years, and has also served some time on the church committee. His genial disposition and courteous manner have won him a host of friends, and he is a valued worker in the Masonic Fraternity and the G. A. R., belonging to Converse Post, No. 57, Windsor Locks.

ANDREW B. WEST, a well-known contractor and builder of Hartford, was born Dec. 15, 1832, in Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y., and comes of an old Connecticut family.

Ephraim West, his grandfather, was born in Tolland, Conn., and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He received a good education for his time, and was especially noted for his skill in mathematics, being the compiler of an arithmetic. He was a man of wealth and prominence, holding various town offices, and enjoyed excellent health up to the time of his death, at the age of ninety-four. Upon religious subjects he held very strict views, and for many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church in Tolland. His wife, Ruth Cobb, a native of Vermont, died Jan. 4, 1838, aged sixty-seven. Their eleven children all are now deceased.

Bicknell West, our subject's father, was born in Tolland, and grew to manhood at the old farm, obtaining a common-school education. He made his permanent home in Cazenovia, N. Y., where he purchased a farm, became a highly respected citizen and an active member of the Congregational Church. A short time before his death he went to Wisconsin on a visit, and died there suddenly from apoplexy, at the age of seventy years. He married Catherine Ehle, who was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., of German parentage, her father following farming there throughout his life. Mrs. West died at the age of thirty-one years, and of her five children only three are now living: Andrew B.; John P., a resident of Brownton, Minn.; and Orson, who resides in Ellington, Connecticut.

Andrew B. West left Cazenovia in boyhood, going to Tolland in a wagon with his father's family. There he was reared, and attended the common and high schools, also taking a course in the Suffield Literary Institute. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and went to Hartford as a journeyman, later becoming foreman. When the "Allyn House" was built, in 1857, he was foreman, and after this directed the work and soon went into partnership with James A. Foley (later known as Signor Foli), as contractors and builders. Their business constantly increased up to 1861, when his partner went abroad, and Mr. West has carried it on successfully since, having at different times other partners. He is now located at No. 101½ Hudson street, in the vicinity of the largest contractors in the city, and is the oldest in that line of business; at times he employs over one hundred men. When he settled in Hartford there were less than 20,000 inhabitants, while the population is now 80,000. In 1865 he practically knew every man in the city, and he now has a large acquaintance. He has probably put up more buildings than any other man in his locality, among them being factories, churches and a large number of the finest business blocks and dwellings in the city. He has also built many structures outside of the city, including three factories in Waterbury, and Charles Benedict's house, at Waterbury, costing $55,000, one of the finest in the State.

In 1855 Mr. West married Miss Mary L. Lapaugh, a native of Westerlo, Albany Co., N. Y., where she received an excellent education. Her father, H. W. Lapaugh, was a leading farmer and prominent citizen of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. West have had two children: Albert N., an architect in Boston, who married Lynda Kelly; and Frank H. B., who died aged seventeen. In politics Mr. West is a Republican, but he has refused all offices; he attends the Congregational Church, with which his family has long been identified.

CHARLES PHELPS HATCH, of Hartford, well known as a musician, was born Sept. 25, 1856, in Lebanon, Connecticut.

Samuel Orville Hatch, his father, was born June 22, 1809, in Lebanon, Conn. He learned the machinist's trade, and became a skillful workman, but as this work did not agree with his health he engaged in farming, utilizing his mechanical skill by building on his farm a large shop, which he fitted up with a good set of tools for working in both wood and iron; there he made many of his farm tools, and did all his own repairing. He was very enterprising, and followed farming in Franklin and

Lebanon with marked success, the sale of five bushels of "Early Rose" potatoes for $500 having been one of his notable achievements. He was the first to manufacture sorghum molasses in any quantity in this section, and his sound judgment was seen in various wise innovations and improvements upon old methods. His hospitable nature won him a host of friends, and he was also noted for his musical gifts. While the greater portion of his life was spent in Lebanon, his death occurred in South Windham, Conn., July 9, 1887, when he was aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Hatch married Eunice Tenny Armstrong, who was born in Franklin, Conn., Feb. 27, 1819, and died June 13, 1877. Of their ten children the following are still living: Eliza; Henry C., of South Windham; Hattie, who married W. C. Backus, of South Windham; Adella, wife of Eugene Kinney; Charles P., our subject; Carrie L.; and Lilly L.

Charles Phelps Hatch passed his early years amid the healthful environments of farm life, and he received a good practical education in the common schools of Lebanon. At the age of fifteen he went to South Windham to enter the employ of the Adams Nickel Plating Co., where his skill and ability in all business entrusted to him led to his promotion to the post of foreman of a room. This he held for six years, his salary being raised from time to time until he received $3 per day, but as his reputation as a musician increased his time was devoted to the work of teaching, and filling orchestra and band engagements. He was but twelve years old when he began to play the cornet, taking an alto part with a band, and after practice under Prof. Goodspeed he became one of the leading cornet players in the latter's organization. Mr. Hatch has kept a record of all the engagements filled by him in different bands and orchestras, and the list is a remarkable one, including engagements in nearly every town in the State. For eleven seasons he filled an engagement as cornet soloist with Prof. Miller's orchestra, at Watch Hill, R. I., a popular summer resort. In February, 1881, he came to Hartford on trial as a cornet soloist in Colt's Band, and Atkins & Severn's Orchestra, then under the famous leader, T. G. Atkins. At the end of the week the leader notified him that he had completely filled all expectations, his services being engaged for the winter. The following season he returned to Watch Hill, and in the fall began an engagement with the Severn's Orchestra, in Hartford, which lasted thirteen years. He also taught music successfully, having probably had more pupils on the cornet than any other man in the State, and his records hold the names of many who have done credit to his instruction. His work as leader was begun with the Weed Band, of Hartford, later known as the Pope Band, but after three years he resigned, in January, 1892. His services were now immediately sought, to instruct a number of bands throughout the State, among them the Hartford City Band, from which latter he received a yearly salary of $1,000, probably the largest ever paid a band leader in this State. During this time occurred his memorable contest with the Musical Union, in which he carried his ideas of right and justice to a hard-won victory, his courage being admired even by his opponents.

In 1893, at the end of his second year as leader of the Hartford City Band, in consideration of the esteem in which Mr. Hatch was held by the public it was considered advisable, in the interest of the success of the band, for the organization to deed the property over to him, that the prestige of his name could be employed, the band to be known as Hatch's Military Band. This was done by a unanimous vote, and the results have shown the wisdom of the action. Under his leadership, by hard and persistent work, the band has been progressive, in evidence of which is the remarkable fact that at a series of concerts given the first year at Laurel Park, when 130 selections were played, 110 of them were new and special selections. Mr. Hatch can uniform thirty-five men and furnish practically any number of instruments, and under his progressive management the work is constantly growing in musical force and value. In 1893 he also organized the Beeman & Hatch Orchestra, in which is associated the very best talent in the city, and which has become famous and extremely popular throughout the State, having engagements nearly every night in the week. In 1899 they filled 285 engagements, including the greatest receptions in the State, and in June alone they played forty-five engagements, among others at the graduating exercises of the State Normal Schools. Mr. Hatch furnished twenty-six pieces of the Beeman & Hatch Orchestra for the Governor's ball in 1899, and received the credit of rendering the best music ever furnished on any of these memorable events. For some time Mr. Hatch was a pupil of Louis Schrieber, of New York, who is one of the finest cornetists in the world, and who toured this country with Ole Bull as cornet soloist, and for some time was first trumpeter in Thomas' Orchestra. Our subject has given his entire attention to his work, keeping ever on the watch for possible improvements, and he now has one of the largest musical libraries in the State. Such devotion will command success in any field of effort, and for twenty years past the Press throughout New England has given the highest praise to his work in different lines.

In addition to his labors in the musical world, Mr. Hatch had a general agency, for New England and other States, for a number of popular and standard subscription books, among which were Porter's "History of the Civil War," "Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant," and James G. Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress." For a time he was also interested in the manufacture of the first really compact folding music stand on the market, known as Hatch's Patent Music Stand. While actively engaged in this business he also manufactured toys for a while. It is seldom that

such practical business ability is associated with fine musical taste, but in Mr. Hatch's success may be seen that potent working of still other factors, his high character, genial nature and perfect manners winning for him friends and opportunities wherever he goes. He is a member of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.; Charter Oak Council, No. 3, Order of American Mechanics; the Improved Order of Red Men; and, Putnam Phalanx, but his evenings are too constantly filled with his work to permit him to attend the meetings. He is a Republican in politics, and has received the nomination to various local offices, his popularity making him a desirable candidate. His musical headquarters are at No. 104 Asylum street, and his residence at No. 18 Windsor avenue, where his wife presides with gracious hospitality.

Mr. Hatch was married Sept. 14, 1889, to Miss Mabel L. Swain, who also possesses fine musical taste, and is in full sympathy with her husband's labors. She was born in Suffield, Conn., daughter of Reuben James and Annabelle L. (Greene) Swain, prominent residents of that town, and was one of five children, of whom three are living: Lena, the wife of William Kay, of Wallingford, Conn.; Mrs. Hatch; and Nettie, who married Louis Cressy, of Hartford.

EDWARD WILBUR MERRIMAN, proprietor of the "Ideal Pharmacy," and one of the most popular and progressive citizens of Bristol, is a native of Connecticut, born Feb. 8, 1856, in Terryville, town of Plymouth, Litchfield county, and is of English, Scottish and French descent.

Joseph Merriman, Jr., his great-grandfather, was born Nov. 3, 1772, a son of Joseph Merriman, Sr., who was drowned at Camps Mills, Litchfield Co., Conn., in the year 1776. Joseph, Jr., married Betsey Swift, who was born June 25, 1772, and their children were as follows: Eliza, born May 26, 1797, died March 26, 1845; George, a sketch of whom follows; Julia, born Aug. 29, 1801, died Nov. 5, 1816; Electa, born June 25, 1803, died Oct. 5, 1862; Mary, born May 8, 1805, died July 15, 1838; Emily, born June 7, 1807, died March 6, 1890; Joseph, born April 8, 1810, lived in Michigan (it is thought he is now deceased); and James, born April 12, 1815, died July 10, 1857. The father of this family was a lifelong farmer, for a number of years owning a farm at Chestnut Hill, and finally moving to one in the western part of Litchfield county, where he died Nov. 15, 1829; his wife passed away June 11, 1840.

George Merriman, grandfather of Edward W., was born Sept. 24, 1799, in Litchfield, Conn., where he followed farming and carpentry. He died Feb. 19, 1894, a member of the Congregational Church of Milton. During his active lifetime he put up no fewer than ninety-nine frame buildings. On Nov. 30, 1820, he married Mary A. Cables, born July 19, 1804, in South Farms, Litchfield county, who died Oct. 13, 1884. On Nov. 30, 1870, they celebrated their Golden Wedding. Their children: Clarinda Jane, born May 20, 1822; Manson Hall, born April 24, 1827; Harriet, born March 21, 1830, died Aug. 18, 1833; George Elmore, a sketch of whom follows; Harriet Eliza, born May 8, 1836; and Eugenia, born Feb. 10, 1843.

Mary A. (Cables) Merriman, wife of George Merriman, above, was a daughter of William and Hannah (Treadwell) Cables, of Warren, Conn., highly respected farming people, who had fourteen children, nearly all of whom lived to advanced ages, Mrs. Mary A. Merriman being the last one in this numerous family to pass away. Their names and dates of birth and death are as follows: Wheeler, Jan. 15, 1788, Aug. 29, 1860; Benjamin, April 29, 1789, March 10, 1845; Judson, Aug. 8, 1790, March 12, 1791; Judson, March 11, 1792, Dec. 30, 1873; Stephen, Sept. 27, 1793; Nancy, June 12, 1795; Sally, Feb. 8, 1797, August, 1856; Esther, Aug. 8, 1798, Oct. 14, 1872; William, Nov. 8, 1799, Nov. 19, 1880; Hannah, Feb. 5, 1801, Dec. 3, 1876; Lucy, Feb. 9, 1803, May 28, 1884; Mary A. (Mrs. Merriman), July 19, 1804, Oct. 13, 1884; Harriet, Jan. 15, 1806, Dec. 4, 1875; James T., Aug. 8, 1810, Sept. 16, 1873.

George Elmore Merriman, father of Edward W., was born Sept. 5, 1831, in Litchfield, Conn., where he was reared and educated. By trade he is a diemaker, toolmaker and machinist, and from Sept. 12, 1848, to 1883, he was in the employ of the Eagle Lock Co., Terryville, during which time, from 1865 to 1883, he was foreman of the machine room. For several years he also owned a drug business in Terryville, which was managed by his son, our subject, Mr. Merriman continuing his mechanical work. From Terryville he removed to Bristol, where he bought out the grocery and provision store of Henry Skinner on Main street, near the "Bristol House." After about a year, however, he gave up the business, and in 1886 removed to New Britain, where he has since been foreman of the Harvard Pin Lock Department in the works of P. & F. Corbin. He is an excellent mechanic, familiar with all branches of machine work.

On May 17, 1855, George E. Merriman married Emily Amanda Curtiss, born Sept. 20, 1830, in Camden, N. Y., a daughter of Eli Curtiss, and a brief record of their five children is as follows: (1) Edward W. and (2) Willis (twins), the former of whom is the subject proper of this sketch, the latter dying when six months and three days old. (3) Elsie Amelia, born May 20, 1860, is now living in Columbus, Ohio, where she is a teacher of music in Miss Phelps' school, and also gives private lessons—vocal and on the piano. Among her other accomplishments she is a fine contralto singer, and is the author of musical compositions, one of which, "Nature Songs and Stories," is well worthy of special notice, claimed by good critics to be the finest work of its kind ever published for home, school and kindergarten. (4) Bennett Curtiss, born Oct. 25, 1864, is a diemaker in P. & F. Corbin's

factory, New Britain; he married Dec. 7, 1889, Bertha Parsons, and they have two children, Clara Elsie, born Feb. 5, 1891, and Dwight Elmore, Jan. 15, 1896. (5) George Robert, born Jan. 27, 1869, is a machinist in P. & F. Corbin's factory, New Britain; he is an excellent tenor singer. George E. Merriman, the father, was a member of the Terryville Congregational Church; in politics he is a Republican.

Edward W. Merriman, of whom we more particularly write, received a liberal education at the common schools of his native place and then for six months worked in the Eagle Lock Co.'s shop, where his father was employed. On Oct. 1, 1874, Dr. A. M. Kessler and George E. Merriman (our subject's father) formed a partnership in the drug business in Terryville, and our subject entered their employ to learn the business under Dr. Kessler, who devoted his time outside of practice to the store and Mr. Merriman's instruction. At the end of one year the Doctor's interest was bought by George E. Merriman, who was the owner until bought out in 1881 by our subject, he meantime having had the management of the store. In January, 1884, he sold out to Newell M. Plumb, in whose employ he remained until April 1, following.

Accompanied by his wife Mr. Merriman then spent several weeks in an extended trip throughout the West, traveling as far as Wichita, Kans., after which he located in Bristol, Conn., on June 2, 1884, entering the employ of Merriman Bros., druggists, and remaining until Nov. 20, 1887. At that time he went to New Britain, and became manager of the "Corner Pharmacy," owned by Frank W. Mix, which position he held until May 15, 1889, when he resigned, and July 15, 1889, opened a drug business in Bristol in the Austin Curtiss block, North Main street, whence on Jan. 6, 1896, he removed to the Skelly block, same street, his place of business being known as the "Ideal Pharmacy."

On Oct. 18, 1882, Edward W. Merriman married Ida Valura Sibley, born Sept. 29, 1857, in Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., and two children have graced this union: (1) Thurston Cables, born April 13, 1886, is attending the Bristol high school; and (2) Dana Sibley, born Oct. 23, 1891, is attending the Bristol graded schools.

Mrs. Ida V. Merriman is a daughter of Alden Wheeler and Sarah Miranda (Fuller) Sibley, of Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., and is of English and Scottish descent. (1) John and Richard Sibley (the former of whom was the progenitor of the family of which Mrs. Merriman is a member) came to America in 1629, in the fleet of that year from England. This John was a selectman in Salem, Mass., and was sent to the General Court at Boston. The line in descent from him is as follows: (II) Joseph was a member of the thirty original families of Sutton, Mass., as were also his brothers John and Jonathan. (III) William. (IV) Elijah was a drummer in the Revolutionary army. (V) Daniel, Sr., was a member of the famous "Sutton minute-men," serving about two years as a private under Capt. Ebenezer Learned; he took part in many decisive engagements, including the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains and Saratoga, and saw some very severe service, for which he received a pension of £40. (VI) Daniel, Jr., was a lifelong farmer in Sutton, and considered by all who knew him to be one of the noblest works of God—a good and honest man. (VII) Alden Wheeler, who occupied the old family homestead, later carrying on a general store in Sutton, was born May 18, 1822, and died June 10, 1858; his wife was born Aug. 21, 1823, and died Oct. 11, 1865. Mrs. Ida V. Merriman is a member of Katherine Gaylord Chapter, No. 18, Daughters of the American Revolution, Bristol.

Edward W. Merriman is a member of the following societies: Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., of Bristol; Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M., of Bristol; Doric Council, No. 24, of New Britain; and the Eastern Star, Olivet Chapter, No. 29, of Bristol, of which his wife is also a member; of the Royal Arcanum, Reliance Council, No. 753, Bristol; of the I. O. O. F., Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, Bristol; Knights of Pythias, Ethan Lodge, No. 9, Bristol; and Knights of Khorassan, Hira Temple, No. 90, New Britain. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, and she is prominently identified with the Daughters of the Covenant and the Ladies Missionary Society. In politics Mr. Merriman is a pronounced Republican, but has never sought public office.

COL. JACOB L. GREENE, of Hartford, president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., was born Aug. 9, 1837, at Waterford, Me., son of Capt. Jacob H. and Sarah Walker (Frye) Greene. Capt. Greene was a man of stanch character, of great vigor and of intellectual force, positive convictions and strong religious views. He was a son of Thomas and Tabitha (Holt) Greene, and a great-grandson of Lieut. Thomas Greene, a resident of Rowley, Mass., from which town he went into the war of the Revolution, serving from the alarm at Lexington until its close. After the war he located in Waterford, Me. On his maternal side Col. Greene is descended from John Frye, who came from England and settled in Newburg, Mass., in 1738. From this first American ancestor Col. Greene is in the seventh generation, his line being through Samuel, John, Gen. Joseph, one whose name is not given, Samuel and Sarah W. Gen. Joseph Frye was a soldier from youth and from what follows it will be seen that his military mantle fell on his posterity. He served in the expedition against Louisburg, and was in command of a regiment at the surrender of Fort William Henry on Lake George, in 1757, in the French and Indian war. For his services he was, in 1762, granted a township of land, six miles square on either side of Saco river. He settled in the territory comprised in the township afterward named in his honor. On the outbreak of the Revolution he was called to

Cambridge to assemble and organize the patriot troops. He was made a brigadier-general by the Provisional Congress, then promoted to major-general. Two of his sons were officers in the service, Joseph as captain, and Nathaniel as lieutenant. Col. Greene's mother was a woman of many virtues, affable, winning and graceful, and a woman of great intelligence and force of character, thoroughly devoted to the welfare and advancement of her children.

Col. Greene from early boyhood was of studious habits and sought every avenue open for intellectual attainment. He became a student in Michigan University, which school, then just opening, offered the inducement of free tuition. After completing a course of study there, and was prepared for the practice of law, he located at Lapeer, Mich. About this time the war of the Rebellion broke out, and young Greene enlisted as a private in the 7th Mich. V. I. He was soon after made a non-commissioned officer, and went with the skeleton of his regiment to the School of Instruction at Fort Wayne, Ind., where it remained for two months. It was then filled up, and in August was sent to the front. Young Greene was soon advanced to a first lieutenancy, but owing to an extended prostration by sickness he was laid up for nearly a year. On his recovering in the spring of 1863 he was appointed captain in the 10th Michigan Cavalry, and set about recruiting a company. While so engaged his friend, George A. Custer, was appointed a brigadier-general, and assigned to the command of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade. He telegraphed Greene, offering him the position of assistant adjutant-general on his staff, and asked him to join at once without waiting for appointment by the President. He reported to Custer July 23, 1863, and served on his staff without rank or pay for several weeks. He was then appointed captain in the 6th Michigan Cavalry, and on Sept. 10 was appointed assistant adjutant-general with the rank of captain by the President and assigned to duty with Gen. Custer, and served with him until the battle of Trevellyan Station, where he was taken prisoner, June 11, 1864, and was confined in Libby, Macon, Charleston and Columbia prisons. While at Charleston, S. C., Col. Greene was one of the Union officers placed under the Union fire by the Rebel authorities. Later he was removed to Columbia and there paroled, but was not literally exchanged until April 8, 1865, although at the time of parole he was transferred to the Union lines. After his exchange he returned to the front, joining Gen. Custer at Burkeville Junction, April 10. Col. Greene participated in the review of the Army of the Potomac at Washington, after which he accompanied Gen. Custer to New Orleans, and went with him up the Red river to Alexandria, where a division of cavalry was organized. Thence Custer advanced into Texas, having been made commander of the central division of Texas and of the cavalry in the department, with headquarters at Austin. Col. Greene was made chief of staff in both commands. Meanwhile he had been promoted to the full rank of major, and was brevetted lieutenant-colonel for distinguished gallantry. When Custer was mustered out as a major-general of volunteers, Col. Greene applied for his muster-out, and finally received it in April, 1866, one year after the close of the war.

After his muster-out the Colonel returned East, where he passed four years at Pittsfield, Mass., becoming assistant secretary of the Berkshire Life Insurance Co. He began his insurance career as an agent with that company, but his executive ability soon manifesting itself, he was given a position on the office staff. On June 1, 1870, he was made assistant secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., and in the following April became secretary. In March, 1878, he succeeded the late James Goodwin to the presidency of the company. To this honorable position as executive officer of one of the largest insurance organizations in the United States he has brought the qualifications of great ability, absolute fidelity, a clear conception of duty, and a loyalty to principle which neither surrenders nor compromises.

As a citizen Col. Greene's abilities and habits of industry lead him into various useful activities. He is a frequent and popular speaker at meetings of religious and scholastic bodies, and has been selected as the orator of the day on several important State occasions. He is a man of superior intellectual endowments, which render him not only an able business manager, but a thoroughly useful citizen. He is senior warden of Trinity Church, a leading member of the Church Temperance Society and trustee of the bishop's fund. Socially he is a member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the Revolution; Society of Colonial Wars; and of the Loyal Legion. He is a trustee in the Watkinson Library, the Church Home and other local organizations. He is a director and vice-president of the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Co., and a director of the Society for Savings; a director also of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., and of the Phœnix National Bank.

JULIAN R. HOLLEY, secretary and treasurer of the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., was born in Mansfield, Conn., May 16, 1855, the youngest of the twelve children born to Perry and Lois (Fenton) Holley, both now deceased.

Perry Holley was a native of Rhode Island. He was a trip-hammersman, and passed the greater part of his life in Mansfield, Conn., where his death took place. He was a Methodist in religious faith, and in politics a stanch Democrat. Of the twelve children born to him and his wife, who was a daughter of Elisha Fenton, eight were named as follows: Anstice D., who is married to William E. Fenner, of Mansfield; George Gilbert, a trip-hammersman, living in Fiskdale, Mass.; Harriet Phi-

leta, now a widow; Mary Ellen, of Mansfield, who first married Edmond Simons and afterward Norman Dunham, both of whom are deceased; Louisa M., who is now living in Meriden, the wife of George M. Clark; Dwight Storrs, a machinist foreman in Forestville; Perry E., living in Waterbury; and Julian R., the subject of this sketch. The other four died quite young.

Julian R. Holley attended the common schools of Mansfield until fifteen years of age, and then passed through the curriculum of the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His first business experience was as clerk in the grocery of J. M. Todd, in Forestville, for about five years, when they formed a partnership under the firm name of Todd & Holley; a year later Mr. Holley sold his interest in the concern and came to Bristol. Here he entered the office of the rolling-mill department of the Bristol Brass & Clock Co. as bookkeeper, filling the position four or five years, was then made secretary, and a year later assistant treasurer. In 1893, at the death of Mr. Atkins, the duties of the treasurer were entrusted to him, and he now holds the dual position of secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Holley is Democratic in politics, and is the present auditor of the borough of Bristol, which office he has held several years. He stands very high in the Masonic order, being a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M.; the present treasurer of Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M.; and has filled the chairs in both lodge and chapter. He is a member of Sphinx Temple, Shriners, of Hartford, and the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Masons, of Norwich; is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, of which he is a trustee; is secretary and treasurer and a director in the Masonic Building Co., which built and owns the large brick block occupied by A. J. Muzzy & Co.; and a director in the Bristol National Bank.

Mr. Holley was married, June 10, 1896, to Miss Calista Vinton Brockett, who was born July 20, 1865, and is a daughter of Deacon Asahel and Mariett (Bradley) Brockett, of whom a full history is given elsewhere in this volume. Two children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Holley: Julian Laurence, born Aug. 25, 1898; and Margaret Storrs, born Oct. 31, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Holley worship at the Baptist Church.

JOHN H. FISH. Among the qualities which bring men into prominence, and by degrees that are almost imperceptible raise them into the esteem and confidence of their fellow men, are straightforward business methods, an interest in and support of policies for public improvement, and education. When these combine with industry and good judgment the result is, almost invariably, not only a man who is held by his fellow men in high esteem, but one who by his own force of character wins his way to prominence and leadership. The above traits are attributable to John H. Fish, a resourceful, self-made man, a prosperous and leading business man of Newington.

Mr. Fish comes of an old New England family. His paternal great-grandfather, John Fish, came to Bloomfield from Bozrah, New London Co., Conn., and settled on a farm. He married Lydia Lathrop, who bore him six children, John, Electa, Nancy, Simeon, Miller and Lydia, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Miller Fish, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Bozrah, Conn., June 5, 1792. He was reared in Bloomfield, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, but was engaged in farming. On March 6, 1822, he married Miss Ann Goodwin, daughter of Hezekiah Goodwin, and from 1824 until his death, in May, 1862, lived on the farm which his son, H. Goodwin Fish, now owns. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Bloomfield. He had three children: Samuel, born Jan. 9, 1823, died Aug. 2, 1825; Samuel (2), father of our subject; and H. Goodwin, born June 1, 1828, a farmer of Bloomfield.

Samuel Fish, the father of our subject, was born in Bloomfield July 2, 1826. He was reared as a farmer lad, and in his youth attended the local schools. He married Emeline, daughter of Daniel and Rhoda (Filer) Webster, of Bloomfield, and for thirty years engaged in farming and tobacco growing in Bloomfield. He then removed to Avon, where he followed tobacco raising until his death, July 2, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a stanch Democrat in politics. His wife was early in life a member of the Baptist Church, but later attended the Congregational Church. After the death of her husband she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Ellsworth, at West Hartford, until her death, at the age of sixty-six years. To Samuel and Emeline Fish were born children as follows: John H., of Newington; Sarah M., Mrs. John Ellsworth, of West Hartford; Daniel W., of Newington; Augustus M., of Newington; Luella, who married George Nichols, and died at Avon; Norton, of Avon town; Dwight W., of Bloomfield; and Edgar W., of Bloomfield.

John H. Fish was born in Bloomfield March 4, 1850. As a boy he attended the schools of the South Middle district, and among his early teachers were Miss Sylvia Burr, Miss Hattie Clements and Francis Barber. It is a testimonial both to his own studious habits and to the efficiency of his teachers that Mr. Fish still retains for these old schools only the kindest memories. Later he attended West Hartford high school, under Miss Pratt. But circumstances beckoned him to a more active life. At the age of seventeen he began farming for Martin Burr, as a full hand. He also worked for Lorenzo Burr, receiving $20 per month. He was a good hand, and though scarcely more than a boy held his own beside full-grown men. In the spring of 1868, when about eighteen years of age, he came to West Hartford and entered the employ of Walter Cadwell, a butcher. For three years he re-

mained in his employ, and was then admitted to partnership, the firm being Cadwell & Fish. This was before the advent of western beef, the firm killing home-grown beef. Two years later the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Fish engaged in the grocery business at West Hartford for a short time, and in November, 1874, came to Newington and engaged in the meat business. He built a market, and has ever since continued successfully in that line. Possessing unusual energies he has also prosecuted in addition to the meat trade a number of other enterprises. Opening a grocery immediately after he settled in Newington, he conducted it until quite recently, when he sold out. He has for many years engaged in the coal and fertilizer trade. He has also done considerable work as a contractor, building macadamized roads in East Hartford and New Britain, and also in Portland, Connecticut.

On Jan. 11, 1878, Mr. Fish married Adalaide C. Braman, who was born in West Hartford Nov. 26, 1846, daughter of Milton and Caroline (Wilcox) Braman. Milton Braman was a farmer of West Hartford, a Democrat in politics, and died at Newington at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, who was a devout member of the Congregational Church, lived to the age of seventy-two years. They had three children: Ellen A., who died aged twenty-two years; Adalaide C., wife of our subject; and Louis D., who died unmarried aged twenty-two years. Mrs. Fish in her girlhood attended the West Hartford Academy, and later a private school in the same town conducted by Miss Gleason. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Fish consists of four children: Alfred Braman, who married Alice M. Lattimer, of Newington, and lives in that town; Nellie E., an accomplished musician, and now a student at the New Britain Normal School; Walter J., at home; and Edith M., student at a private school in Hartford.

In politics Mr. Fish is a Democrat, but though in sympathy with most of the principles of that party he is a sound-money man. He has served as selectman continuously from 1886 to 1892, and was again elected in 1898. In the fall of 1896 he was elected to the State Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Fish are prominent members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Fish has served as chairman of the church committee, and as a member of the standing committee. He is a stanch advocate of education, and has given his children finished training; his family has by its attainments amply attested the wisdom of that course. Ever ready to lend encouragement to any worthy cause, keen in judgment and successful in business, Mr. Fish possesses all the attributes which endear him to right-thinking people.

FRANCIS WILLIAM FAWCETT, a cheery and spirited farmer and gardener of Newington, a soldier of the Civil war, has spent in America more than fifty years of a life of unusual interest and adventure. He came to this country when a boy of twelve years, industrious, buoyant, and not afraid of hard work. He has dwelt in many States, experienced the vicissitudes of fortune in various phases, and has won from life a competence and a rich experience.

Mr. Fawcett was born in Bradford, England, May 31, 1835, son of Robert and Jane (Booth) Fawcett, and grandson of John and Jane (Copstick) Fawcett. The grandfather was a successful English farmer, and the father also a farmer and laborer. The mother of our subject died shortly after his birth, and his twin sister died at birth. In 1847, at the age of twelve years, our subject left the land of his forefathers and sailed for America in the "Ocean Monarch," then the largest vessel afloat. The passage, which was rough, consumed six weeks and one day, and the vessel on her arrival ran upon the rocks at Plymouth, and was in imminent danger of destruction. Crew and passengers threw overboard immense casks of crockeryware to lighten the vessel, and the passengers were finally rescued by the "Mayflower."

Arriving at Boston, our subject associated himself with the Enfield Shakers, and remained with them for two years, at the expiration of which time his father arrived from England. Mr. Fawcett had saved the sum of $258 when his father arrived, and he decided to run away, a step which he often afterward regretted. Thus leaving the Shakers, he went to Prescott, Mass., and there bought twelve acres of land, upon which he remained until the arrival from England of his sister, Jane, and her husband, Adam May. The father sold the farm to Mr. May. Our subject agreed to buy his time from his father until he was of age, for $300. He went to Fitchburg, and hired out to a carpenter for his board and $10 per month, expecting to learn the carpenter's trade, but he never received any money, and accordingly remained only until the following September. Penniless, he walked to Worcester, Mass., a distance of forty miles, and there engaged with a carpenter, named Cephus Meade, for two months at $10 per month and board. At the end of the two months winter came on, and work was slack. Our subject then went to South Brookfield, where he worked during the winter at the shoemaker's trade. With one John Durant he then hired as a farmer for eight months, at $10 per month. At the expiration of his eight months he had saved $100, earning part of it for overtime, etc. With this $100 he made his first payment to his father for his time. Mr. Fawcett resumed work in the shoe shop, and in the spring he hired with another shoemaker, remaining with him eight months, at $16 per month. The following winter he started a shoe shop of his own in South Brookfield, continuing in business for himself until spring, when an opportunity occurred to work at the carpenter's trade during the summer, starting in at $1 per day, and later getting $1.50 per day. In the fall

he went into the shoe business again, but, as the trade of repairing was very dull, he worked in the woods with his father, chopping at 50 cents per cord, and during the winter chopped 150 cords of wood at Rattle Snake Den, in Prescott. The next summer he worked at the carpenter's trade at $1.50 per day.

At the age of twenty-one years and six months Mr. Fawcett paid his father the remaining $200 on his time. In the fall of the next year, while working at carpentering, he fell with the scaffolding a distance of twenty-eight feet, and broke his right leg in several places, which laid him up for the remainder of the winter. In the spring he again worked for a time at the carpenter's trade. In 1857 he went to Clifton, Monroe Co., Wis., and settled on a government claim of 160 acres. He improved the land, but as he had no money he went to La Crosse, and there for a time engaged in rafting. Returning to his claim in the spring, he purchased a team of oxen, and gave a mortgage on his farm as security for payment. He planted his land in wheat, but the blight ruined his crop, and the mortgagee promptly foreclosed. Penniless, but not disheartened, he visited the eastern part of Wisconsin, where relatives were living, and worked at the carpenter's trade for one year, after which he returned to Prescott, Mass., finally settling in Springfield.

When the war broke out our subject was an attendant at the North Hampton Hospital for the Insane. At the fall of Fort Sumter he immediately enlisted, becoming a private in Company F, 31st Mass. V. I. He was the patriotic leader of the attendants at the hospital, and his enlistment influenced six others to enlist in the same county. He had been in the service but six months when, at the battle of Biloxi, Miss., he was shot in the right leg, near the previous fracture. He was then taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he remained three months. The wound he received so badly crippled him that he could not return to his regiment. He went to Prescott, and later to Springfield, where he worked in the Armory until the close of the war. After he receiv d his honorable discharge he worked at his trade in Springfield.

When the railroad bridge at Warehouse Point was changed from a wooden to an iron structure Mr. Fawcett obtained a position on the same, and later bought the old timbers taken from the bridge and sawed them into kindling wood. Working with a handsaw was too slow work, so he rigged up machinery and sawed the timbers by machinery. He also had the contract with a cork factory at Springfield to keep the cork shavings cleared away, and the shavings he also sold for fuel. The selling of the wood and cork shavings proved profitable. He began to speculate in timber land, and was very successful. Springfield, Mass., was then booming, and all his speculations prospered. He bought land and built houses, until he had an income of over $500 per month from his rents; he also owned a meat market and grocery; his business interests were piling up, until he had more than he could look after. He declined an offer of $45,000 for a one-half interest in all his belongings. The panic of 1875 came on, and at the same time a very severe attack of rheumatism, brought on by overwork, compelled him to take to his bed, where he remained for over a year. Employes conducted systematic theft, and his property gradually but surely slipped from his grasp, while he was unable to rise from his bed and attend to his business interests. Finally, in April, 1876, the house over his head was sold, and he was compelled to vacate.

Mr. Fawcett then went to Windsor, and, still full of perseverance, borrowed $100 and went into the kindling wood business again. He remained in Windsor about nine months, when he found a small place, between Hartford and Windsor, which he could rent for $5 per month. He remained there four years, and peddled wood in Hartford. The wood business in Hartford was then very good, as Mr. Fawcett was one of only two men who were engaged in the business there to any extent. Before he had been away from Springfield one year he had paid all his indebtedness and was a free man. In 1881 he removed to Newington, where he purchased fourteen acres of land, together with a large house and barn. There he has since resided. He also keeps about 100 hens, and retails eggs and garden truck in Hartford. He is still very active, and looks after his farm in a careful and exacting manner.

Mr. Fawcett was married in 1863 to Miss Malintha D. Scott, of Springfield, and to this union was born a daughter, Minnie D., in 1864, and a son, George Robert, in 1865. The son died at the age of six months, of brain fever. Mr. Fawcett is a member of Robert O. Tyler Post, No. 50, G. A. R., of Hartford. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church of Springfield, Mass., and by his long and brave contest with adverse fate has most admirably demonstrated the sterling and victorious fiber of his nature.

JOHN FRANKLIN AXTELLE, M. D., a well-known physician of Hartford, was born Aug. 28, 1854, at Morristown, N. J., son of Stephen D. and Nancy (Sutton) Axtelle.

The family is of English origin, and John Akstyle, the first of the name of whom we have an account, was a member of a religious order in Hertfordshire, England, about 1533. John Axtelle, our subject's grandfather, was a prominent man of Morristown, N. J., and also made a high reputation as a singer and teacher of music, being gifted with an exceptionally fine voice. Stephen D. Axtelle, the father of our subject, served in the Civil war, enlisting from Washington, Ind. After marriage his home was in St. Louis for a time, but soon after the close of the war he removed to Minneapolis,

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Minn., where he was engaged in business as a dealer in farm implements until his death, in 1873. As a citizen he took an interest in furthering the best interests of the community where he made his home, and he was active in political affairs while in St. Louis, serving as assessor. His widow still resides in Minneapolis, and the Doctor has two brothers and two sisters there.

The Doctor attended the schools of Minneapolis during boyhood, and after the death of his father, went to Elgin, Ill., to enter the employ of the Elgin Watch Co. Having a desire to enter the medical profession, he improved every opportunity for study, and for two years was under the direction of Profs. Whitford and Clark, of Bennett Medical College, Chicago. He then removed to Lancaster, Penn., and studied for four years with Prof. S. T. Davis, and later he made a thorough study of surgery in Bellevue Hospital Medical College and Long Island Hospital College, from which he was graduated in 1878 with honors. Before engaging in active practice he spent a year as assistant to Prof. Davis, and in 1879 located in Hartford, where his acquaintance was then limited to three people. He did not leave the city until twelve years later, when he made a trip to San Francisco and Yellowstone Park. His attention to his professional duties, together with his ability and acquired skill, soon won him recognition, and he is not only widely known, but is regarded as one of the best practitioners of Hartford. For some time he attended to the practice of the late Dr. Campbell, and at present he is medical examiner for twelve different orders and several insurance companies. As a member of the City, County and State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association, he has done much active work, and his articles in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" have been copied in all the prominent medical publications in this country and Europe.

The Doctor was married, in Hartford, to Mrs. Ella M. Norvel. He is popular in social life, being a member of the Hartford Club; the Knights of Pythias; the I. O. O. F.; and the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a charter member of Sphinx Temple, Mystic Shrine, in which he holds an official position.

CHARLES ALLEN GRISWOLD, a well-known tobacco dealer of West Hartford, is rapidly working his way to a foremost position among the prominent business men of his section of the county. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance of fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with consecutive effort. Fully appreciating this fact, Mr. Griswold has labored untiringly, and although comparatively a young man he has already attained a success which many an older man might well envy.

Mr. Griswold was born in West Hartford Sept. 16, 1860, and is a representative of one of its old and honored families, being a great-grandson of Ozias Griswold, who followed farming in West Hartford throughout life, and there died about 1816. He married Joanna Steele, and had six children: Chester, Sally, Allen S., Thomas, Joanna and Lucy. Allen Steele Griswold, the grandfather of our subject, was born in West Hartford in 1809, and died there May 19, 1874. He was educated in the Center school district, where he spent the greater part of his life, engaged in farming. He was a member of the Congregational Church; in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican; and was one of the representative citizens of his community. He was married in West Hartford to Miss Mary Jane Steele, a daughter of Papphero Steele. She died in February, 1883. In their family were five children: Mary Jane, wife of Jason G. Shepard, of West Hartford; Samuel Allen, a resident of the same place; Charles Steele, father of our subject; and Henry Ozias and Seth Papphero, both of West Hartford.

Charles Steele Griswold has spent his entire life in West Hartford, and is now engaged in the tobacco business with our subject, not only raising that product, but also buying and packing it for market. He married Miss Lucia J. Bishop, daughter of Joseph Bishop, of West Hartford, and to them were born four children: Charles Allen, our subject; Gertrude, who died in infancy; Joseph H.; and Ethel V.

The primary education of our subject was obtained in the public schools of West Hartford, and later he was a student in Williston Seminary, at Easthampton, Mass. On returning home he worked for his father until 1890, when he became a partner in the business. As tobacco growers and dealers they have built up quite an extensive trade, and employ on an average sixteen men in their warehouse.

Mr. Griswold was married, in West Hartford, April 12, 1880, to Miss Mary Emma, daughter of Timothy Sedgwick, and they have two children: Ruby Louise Hawthorne, born May 6, 1882; and Charles Sedgwick, born May 4, 1889. Mr. Griswold is a member of Gamma Sigma fraternity of Williston Seminary, and also belongs to the Grange and to Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M. In religious belief he is a Baptist. For several years he has been an influential member of the Republican town committee, and at present he is also a member of the board of assessors.

GEORGE HARRIS HALL, contractor of the trunk hardware department of J. H. Sessions & Sons' factory, Bristol, is a native of that town, born Nov. 26, 1854, and he comes of good old New England stock, being a lineal descendant of John Hall, the emigrant.

This John Hall appears first at Boston, afterward at New Haven. He evidently was not an original settler in New Haven, as his name does not appear in any list which has been discovered

until after 1650. Whence he came is uncertain. The name (Hall) is a difficult one to trace on account of the great number of original settlers bearing that cognomen, twenty-eight having come to America prior to 1660, seven of whom bore the given name of John. That John Hall, of Boston, New Haven and Wallingford, was an emigrant appears quite evident from certain events in his life's history. He moved to Wallingford after the settlement had commenced, which accounts for the non-appearance of his name on the first Plantation covenant of 1669-70. His sons John, Thomas and Samuel were signers of that instrument. His name appears on the covenant of 1672, and it is quite certain that he had been some time in the place. In 1675 himself and his son John were chosen selectmen of Wallingford.

John Hall, Sr., was freed from training in 1665, being then in his sixtieth year, and most certainly was in New Haven as early as 1639, and at Wallingford about the year 1670, with the early settlers there. He died early in 1676. By his wife, Jane (Woolen), he had children as follows: John, baptized Aug. 9, 1646, died Sept. 2, 1721; Richard, born July 11, 1645; Samuel, born May 21, 1646, died March (or May) 5, 1725; Sarah, baptized Aug. 9, 1646; Thomas, born March 25, 1649, Jonathan, born April 5, 1651; and David, born March 18, 1652, died July 17, 1727.

Samuel Hall, great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, went to Wallingford with the first planters in 1670. By his wife, Hannah (Walker), whom he married in May, 1668, and who died Dec. 20, 1728, he had children as follows: John, born Dec. 23, 1670; Hannah, March 11, 1673; Sarah, June 20, 1677; Samuel, Dec. 10, 1680 (died June 15, 1770); Theophilus, Feb. 5, 1686; and Elizabeth, March 6, 1690.

Samuel Hall, great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, married Lois, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther Royce, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Theophilus, April 1, 1707; Samuel, June 8, 1709 (died Dec. 24, 1771); Hannah, July 15, 1711; Sarah, Dec. 6, 1713; Mehitabel, April 25, 1716; and Esther, Nov. 7, 1719.

Samuel Hall, great-great-grandfather of our subject, married Sarah Hall Dec. 7, 1731, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Samuel (1), July 11, 1732 (died in infancy); Hezekiah, Dec. 27, 1733; Louisa, June 30, 1736; Sarah, Dec. 5, 1737; Esther, Jan. 21, 1740; Love, April 30, 1742; Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 1745; Samuel (2), Feb. 28, 1750 (died Feb. 27, 1821); and Damaris, Jan. 23, 1754.

Samuel Hall (2), great-grandfather of our subject, married May 10, 1774, Elizabeth Parsons, who died Sept. 27, 1823, the mother of children as follows: Samuel, born Dec. 2, 1776; Hezekiah, June 11, 1778; George, Aug. 13, 1780; Marilla, Dec. 28, 1782; Richard, Jan. 26, 1785; and Jared, Aug. 24, 1792 (died April 24, 1865).

Jared Hall, grandfather of our subject, married Rebecca Hall, and had children as follows: Caroline, born Nov. 13, 1819; William D., Dec. 6, 1821; Charles D., Dec. 13, 1824; Lucy, March, 1827. He was a farmer, and also served in the war of 1812.

Charles Dickerman Hall, father of our subject, was born Dec. 13, 1824, in Wallingford, Conn., where he received a liberal common-school education. Until he was about twenty years of age he assisted in the labor of his father's farm, and then entered the spoon factory of Hall & Elton, where he remained some ten years. Moving to Yalesville, Conn., at the end of that time, he for two years worked in Charles Parker's spoon factory, after which, in 1854, he came to Bristol, and entered the employ of Holmes & Tuttle, which firm was changed, in 1857, to the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., with whom he continued until 1894. He resigned in that year, on his seventieth birthday, after a connection of forty years with the same business, during which time he was foreman of the works from the time the firm became the Bristol Brass & Clock Co. until 1891. He is now living in retirement, and enjoying a well-earned rest. He attends the services of the Episcopal Church, while in politics he is a Republican.

On March 17, 1851, Charles D. Hall was united in marriage with Laura Amanda Hall, who was born Sept. 25, 1828, daughter of Lyman and Sina (Button) Hall, of Yalesville, Conn.; she died in Bristol, Conn., June 26, 1897. Their children are as follows: (1) Charles Lyman, born Aug. 4, 1852, is a farmer at Sulphur Springs, Lewis Co., Wash.; (2) George H. is our subject; (3) William Dickerman, born April 8, 1856, is a farmer at Seattle, Wash.; and (4) Alberta May, born May 12, 1865, lives at home with her father.

George H. Hall, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education at the Third District school, Bristol, and at the age of sixteen years commenced working in the factory of J. H. Sessions & Sons, in the same town, in 1880 becoming a contractor in the trunk hardware department, in the press room, and with this firm remained until 1896. In that year he received the appointment of foreman and salesman for the Codling Mfg. Co., in which firm he was a stockholder. In May, 1899, he again accepted his old position as foreman of the trunk hardware department of J. H. Sessions & Sons' factory, being called to same on account of his thorough familiarity with the institutions of that firm.

On March 19, 1873, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Jessie Althea Wooding, who was born April 28, 1856, daughter of Lawson Jared Wooding, of Bristol, and six children have been born to them, four of whom died young, the others being: Lawson Wooding, born Aug. 8, 1883, at present attending the Bristol high school; and Dwight Harrison, born Sept. 28, 1888, also attending school. In 1897 Mr. Hall built a modern improved dwell-

ing-house on Summer street, Bristol, one of the most pleasant homes in Bristol.

Mrs. Hall is a member of Prospect M. E. Church, of which Mr. Hall is a regular attendant. He is a stanch Republican, served as tax collector in 1888-89-90, and in 1895 and 1897 was elected a representative, in 1897 being chairman of the House committee on Manufactures. Socially he is affiliated with Franklin Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., Bristol, and of Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., Bristol, of which he was the first chancellor commander; has also been captain of the Uniformed rank, Hull Company, No. 5, being still a member thereof. In municipal matters Mr. Hall has always taken an active interest in the Bristol Fire Department from boyhood, for eight years served as chief, and at present is a member of the board of Fire commissioners, having been first elected in 1892.

A progressive and energetic citizen, our subject is quick to respond to any call pertaining to his party, or to the general benefit of the town, and he is recognized as an enterprising and progressive citizen, held by all in the highest regard.

THOMAS LEVITT, the leading truck man in Bristol, with his office in the freight depot of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, was born in Enfield, Conn., Jan. 21, 1845.

William Levitt (deceased), father of our subject, was born in England, where he married Miss Agnes Herd, and where four of his eight children were born. He was a miller by trade, came to America in 1844, and while at work in the woolen mill at Broad Brook, Conn., lost an arm. He sympathized with the Republican party, but took little interest in politics, and he never belonged to any secret society. The eight children born to William and Agnes (Herd) Levitt were: Elizabeth, who is married to C. D. Parsons, lives in Burlington, Conn.; Sarah Ann, married to H. K. Parsons, is living in Florence, Mass.; George has lived in Harrisburg, Va., since the Civil war; John died in infancy; Thomas is the subject of this sketch; Robert lives in Mystic, Conn.; Mary married William Fulton, and lives in Florence, Mass.; and William resides in Rockville, Connectcut.

Thomas Levitt at the age of ten years forsook his studies in the common schools of Enfield, and for three years worked as draw boy for the Hartford Carpet Co., at Thompsonville. The following three years he worked in the Broad Brook woolen factory, and then, for two years, drove the 'bus from Warehouse Point to the Warehouse Point depot. He then went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed as a teamster nearly three years. About this time his father lost his arm, and young Levitt returned to Broad Brook, and for three years drove a four-horse team between that village and Hartford, before railroad communication had been opened. His next work was in the machine shop of the Broad Brook woolen mill, for two years, and for the following three years he was employed in a gristmill in the same village. On April 1, 1875, Mr. Levitt came to Bristol. Here he bought the trucking business that had been conducted by Alvie West and Asher C. Bailey as two different concerns, which he consolidated, making of them the finest truck house in the State, as he constantly employs from twelve to twenty men, seven wagons, and sixteen or twenty horses.

The marriage of Mr. Levitt to Miss Matilda Neuschler, a daughter of Ferdinand Neuschler, of Broad Brook, took place April 19, 1871, and this union has been graced with one daughter, Idella Agnes, a charming young lady, born April 20, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Levitt are ardent workers in the Prospect M. E. Church, in which he was a class-leader for years, and is at present district steward, while Mrs. Levitt is a member of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies.

Fraternally Mr. Levitt stands very high as a Freemason, having reached a degree beyond which there is but one other, and that one but a few of the "brothers" care to take. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., of Bristol; of Pequabuck Chapter, R. A. M., also of Bristol; of Washington Commandery, Knights Templar; of Sphinx Temple, Shriners, at Hartford; of Norwich Consistory, No. 32, and Scottish Rite, or Thirty-second degree, Masons. He is also a member of the O. U. A. M., of Bristol.

Mr. Levitt is of Republican proclivities, but has never made a race for office, although he has frequently been solicited to do so. He is emphatically a "self-made" man, as he has raised himself to his present responsible position from that of a penniless boy when he started out at the age of ten years.

LEMUEL LEE STEWART, ex-warden of the town of Bristol, is a leading contractor and builder of that locality, and has erected the larger number of the churches, schools and factories, together with many of the finest residences, of the borough.

Mr. Stewart was born April 25, 1844, at New Perth, near Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, and is of Scottish ancestry in the paternal line, while his mother's family was of English origin. James Stewart, our subject's grandfather, was the first of the family to come to America. He settled at Three Rivers, near Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, being one of the earliest settlers of that section, and there spent the remainder of his life, engaged in shipbuilding and agricultural pursuits. He married a Miss McClearn, and had the following children: Donald, Charles, John, James, Isabelle, Christy, Jessie and Catherine, all deceased.

Charles Stewart, our subject's father, was born in 1802, in Perthshire, Scotland, and was but an infant when his parents came to America. The larger portion of his life was spent on Prince Ed-

ward Island, but in the autumn of life he removed to the Bermudas, where he died. His faithful wife, Esther (Gay), survives him, and resides with her son James H., in Boston. She comes of a well-known family, and her father, Ephraim Gay, was born in Belfast, Maine. At an early date he and his brother and their families, comprising in all twelve persons, crossed from Belfast, Maine, to Prince Edward Island in an open boat, and made for themselves permanent homes. Charles and Esther Stewart had eleven children, of whom three died in infancy. The others were: Mary, wife of Donald Shaw, of Prince Edward Island; Catherine, wife of George Howard, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Whitney, of Phillipston, Mass.; Jessie, wife of Edwin Coffin, of Charlotte-Town, Prince Edward Island; Henry; James H.; Lemuel L.; and Charles.

Lemuel L. Stewart remained at the home farm until he reached the years of eighteen years, when he removed to Mystic, Conn., and spent two years working at the carpenter's trade. He then went to Philadelphia, and during the Rebellion was a carpenter with the army, Western Department. In 1865 he returned to Mystic, where he spent the following two years, in 1867 removing to Boston, Mass., and in 1868 to Wakefield, Mass., where he resided until 1878. In that year he removed to Kansas, but on returning in 1880 he located in Bristol, where he has since resided. Mr. Stewart served as burgess of the borough one year, assessor one year, and was elected to the position of warden of the borough in 1897, serving three years. He affiliates with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Stewart was married in Philadelphia, April 23, 1865, to Geierstein Spencer, a native of Houlton, Maine, and a daughter of Joseph Millette and Elizabeth S. (Bonney) Spencer. They have had three children: Charles Winfield, born at East Boston Jan. 20, 1868, resides in Bristol; Ida Lee, born in Wakefield, Mass., Nov. 3, 1871, is the wife of William H. Rutledge, of New Canaan, Conn., and has one child, Ida; and Miss Mary Esther, born in Larned, Kan., May 23, 1880, is at home.

The Spencer family is of English extraction, but it cannot be traced further back than James Spencer, Mrs. Stewart's grandfather, a native of Greenbush, Maine. He married Annie Ayres, daughter of William Ayres, and the children were James, Valentine, Joseph M., and Lincoln and Annie, twins, all now deceased. Joseph Millette Spencer was born at Greenbush, Maine, and there spent the early portion of his life. In 1864 he removed to Gloucester City, N. J., where he engaged in lumbering and shipbuilding. He married Elizabeth Small Bonney, and they had the following children: Phœbe Ann; Geierstein (Mrs. Stewart); Mary E., wife of Arthur H. Parsons, of Bristol; Zachariah Taylor, residing in Texas; Winfield Scott, residing in Glencoe, Ala.; and Adelaide N., Augustus J., Joseph and Clara Ella, all deceased.

The maternal great-great-grandmother of Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Carter, was formerly a Miss Powers, and a sister of the mother of Horace Greeley. Polly Sparks, the maternal grandmother of Mrs. Stewart, was a daughter of John Sparks, who was born in Cherryfield, Maine. She married Abail Bonney, and their children were: Robert, David, Otis G., Elizabeth S., Mary, George Thomas, and Joel, all deceased; and John, who is living.

CHARLES EDWARD PRIOR, secretary and treasurer of the Security Company of Hartford, was born in Moosup, Windham Co., Conn., Jan. 24, 1856, a son of Erastus L. and Sarah L. (Burleson) Prior.

Taken by his parents to Jewett City, in 1860, a considerable portion of the life of Mr. Prior was passed there, and the public schools of the town of Griswold afforded him the means of securing a good education. The year 1873 saw the beginning of his business career, when he began work in the office of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad Co., in Norwich. Two years later he returned to Jewett City to accept a position in the office of the Ashland Cotton Co., where he was soon advanced to the position of bookkeeper and paymaster for the prosperous corporation. In 1883 Mr. Prior was elected secretary and treasurer of the Jewett City Savings Bank, and a few years later was made a corporator and director in that institution. Under his care the bank developed rapidly, and became a well-known institution, his acknowledged ability in the management of its affairs winning and holding the public confidence to an unusual degree. During his official connection with the bank there was a great gain in deposits, a large premium account was charged off, and the surplus was quadrupled. In 1891, the Hon. George M. Landers, bank commissioner, pronounced it "one of the very few model banks of the State."

In December, 1894, Mr. Prior was tendered the position of assistant treasurer of the Security Company of Hartford, and Jan. 28, 1895, commenced his labors with that corporation. On March 2, 1896, he became secretary and treasurer of the Company. The Hartford *Courant* of March 3, said, "Mr. Prior, who becomes treasurer after a year's experience as assistant treasurer, has recommended himself to the patrons of the Company and to all others who have made his acquaintance, and has fully justified his reputation acquired as treasurer of the Jewett City Savings Bank." In January, 1901, he was added to the board of trustees of the Security Company. His abilities are prized even outside of the Company he has served so well, and in January, 1899, he was elected one of the auditors of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Prior is almost as widely known in musical as in business circles. When fourteen years of age he became organist at the Congregational Church

in Jewett City, holding the position eight years, and it was at that time that his first musical compositions came to light. He is associate author of three Sunday-school singing books, "Spicy Breezes," "Sparkling and Bright," and "Our Best Endeavor," and has written quite a variety of miscellaneous music. Since 1881 he has been an honorary member of the Worcester County (Mass.) Musical Association.

In early life Mr. Prior united with the Jewett City Baptist Church, and for many years served that body acceptably as choir leader and organist. He was also the first president of the Y. P. S. C. E. in his home church, holding the office several years; and since coming to Hartford he has continued his activity in church work. For four years he was superintendent of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Sunday-school, and president of the Young People's Society. He was for several years treasurer of the Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut, treasurer and musical director of the Connecticut Baptist Bible School Union, and a member of the executive committee of the State Sunday-school Association. He is now (1901) vice-president of the Hartford Baptist Union, and a director of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Prior was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Campbell, and they have one son, Charles Edward Prior, Jr., at present teller of the Security Company, and tenor of the Center Church choir. Our subject is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in 1884 and 1885 served as master of Mt. Vernon Lodge of Masons (Jewett City), and on Dec. 5, 1897, was knighted in Columbian Commandery, Knights Templar of Norwich.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD AVERY, M. D. (deceased), son of David and Rebecca (Morgan) Avery, and a descendant of Capt. James Avery, of Groton, was born in Hampton, Conn., in 1836, and died in Hartford in February, 1893, after a few days' illness.

In 1861 Dr. Avery, then in charge of the New Haven Hospital, joined the 9th Conn. V. I., and went with Gen. Butler to Ship Island, and later to New Orleans, where he remained for ten years, at first in hospital service, later, for a year, as sheriff of the city. In 1872 he removed to Hartford, where he was greatly esteemed and beloved by his patients and friends, many of whom still feel that his place can never be supplied. Rev. Dr. Parker, of the South Congregational Church, said at the funeral service: "It was my great privilege to know Dr. Avery very intimately. Our minds and hearts were congenial, and circumstances brought us together in a friendship that was strong and precious, and, on his part, as unselfish, generous, tender and pure as the love of good women.

"The fundamental elements of good, manly character are sincerity and truth. Who that knew Dr. Avery could fail to perceive the predominance of these elements in his character? He was as true-minded and true-hearted a man as can be found, and he pursued and obeyed truth with eagerness and delight. He scorned in his own downright and emphatic way whatever lacked the soundness of sincerity. Doubtless he was frequently too frank and outspoken for his own advantage, but it was not in his nature to wear any disguises, or to lay gifts on the altar of the goddess Prudence. It is good to have such men in the community. It is good to have them in the church. It is a great privilege to have their companionship, and to live in the atmosphere of their influence and friendship.

"But this truthfulness and sincerity were very beautifully commingled and adorned in Dr. Avery with the kindliest and tenderest feelings that flourish in the human heart. He did not dole out, but poured out the love of his large heart. The cordial of his appreciations, of his encouragement, of his ministrations, was like precious wine.

"Dr. Avery's Puritan pedigree was written all over him, and his Puritan inheritance was in the very grain and fiber of his being. Unyielding as a rocky cliff in what he deemed was right and dutiful, it needed no stroke of prophet's rod, but only the simplest touch of nature, to cause the rock to part and issue abundance of living and refreshing waters. He was a man of reverent, earnest and truthful Christian faith. He questioned much, he felt the stress of mystery all about and before him, but he bowed in humble, adoring faith before God and Jesus Christ. He had anchorage for his soul in the unseen and eternal."

ROSWELL DOANE SPENCER was born in Springfield, Bradford Co., Penn., and is of English extraction. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel Spencer, a native of England, came to America about 1777, and located in the town of Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn. Subsequently he returned to England to reclaim some property, which he obtained, but was lost at sea while returning to his family in the New World. His wife was in her maidenhood Lydia Mack.

Hollister Spencer, only child of the above, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Chatham, Conn., in 1778, and was there reared to manhood. He became a farmer and also a sailor. He married Theda Sexton, and to them was born a son, Diodate, our subject's father, whose birth occurred in Chatham in 1812. In early manhood he was employed in the Maromas quarries of Middletown, Conn., and assisted in quarrying the stone used in the construction of Girard College, Philadelphia. In 1836 he married Miss Martha H. Doane, a native of Haddam, Conn., and a daughter of Roswell and Hester K. (Chapman) Doane, of that place. Two children were born of this union: Roswell Doane (our subject) and Robert Emmett. Soon after his marriage Mr. Spencer, with others, went to Springfield, Bradford Co., Penn., making the trip with a six-ox-team. He cleared a farm there,

but about 1846 returned to Connecticut, locating at East Haddam, where he was more or less engaged in merchandising for eighteen years. In 1863 he went to Burlington, Penn., where he engaged in farming and later in mercantile business. His death occurred there June 10, 1870.

The boyhood and youth of Roswell D. Spencer were passed in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and he received only a meager common-school education. At the age of eleven years he began his business life in his father's store, and from fourteen until twenty-two, a period of eight years, he was employed in the manufacture of britannia spoons at East Haddam, Conn. In 1862 he entered the employ of Gates Brothers, general merchants of Colchester, this State, serving them in the capacity of clerk until 1867, when he embarked in general merchandising on his own account in the town of East Haddam, in which line of trade he successfully continued there for fourteen years. In 1881 he located at Thompsonville, where for eight years he also engaged in merchandising, selling out in 1889, and in 1892 he engaged in the banking business at that place with his son, Robert E., under the firm name of R. D. & Robert E. Spencer, the bank being founded by the latter in September, 1887. He is now living in New Britain, this county.

In 1860 Mr. Spencer was united in marriage with Miss Mary Helen Mather, a daughter of E. Watrous and Elizabeth (Foster) Mather, of East Haddam. Five children were born of this union: Agnes I., Robert E., Herbert D. (deceased), R. Donald and Helen M. Mr. Spencer is a member and senior warden of the Episcopal Church of Thompsonville, and is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. His political support is always given to the Democracy, and he has served as selectman of Enfield for one term. As a citizen he has manifested a commendable interest in everything that is calculated to promote the general welfare.

NILES GLOVER WHITE, a prominent resident of West Hartford, who is engaged in business in New York City, is a descendant of Philip White, who came from England at an early day and located in Lynn, Mass. He was at one time a light dragoon. He married a Miss Ramsdale, of Lynn, and returned to England, leaving his wife and child, Philip White, Jr., in Lynn. He is supposed to have been lost in the English Channel. His property in England was advertised for years, but his son would do nothing about it.

Philip White (2) was born in Lynn, Mass., April 12, 1760, and died Oct. 17, 1845. Before the Revolutionary war he lived with his uncle, Ezra Ramsdale, in Lynn, and then moved with him to Chatham, Conn. For seven and a half years he fought for American independence as a soldier of the Continental army. Being small of stature, he went by the names of "Frostbitten" and "Little Devil." He married Olive Rowley, a daughter of Eleazer Rowley, of Moodus, Conn. She was born in that place April 22, 1764, and died April 21, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. White lived at Chatham, probably on the J. N. White place. They had seven children: (1) Hepsabeth, born Sept. 13, 1784, died Aug. 5, 1873. (2) Moses, born Nov. 3, 1786, died Oct. 7, 1843. He married (first) Nancy Loomis and (second) Sarah Gillett, and had one son and three daughters. (3) Olive, twin sister of Moses, married Thomas Almy, and had one son and three daughters. She died April 21, 1856. (4) Nabby, born March 19, 1789, died July 21, 1809. At the age of nineteen she married a Mr. Buel, and removed to Pennsylvania. On the trip she caught a severe cold in fording a stream, and died from the effects of the same. (5) Philip (3) is mentioned more fully below. (6) Sarah, or Sally, born April 1, 1797, died Aug. 15, 1883. She was married in 1816 to Charles Markham, and they had three sons and three daughters. (7) Caroline M., born Aug. 22, 1800, died Jan. 12, 1878. She married Titus Strong, and they had one son.

Philip White (3), born Feb. 3, 1795, married Lucy Niles, and they had nine children: (1) Glover Moses, father of our subject, was born Sept. 26, 1819, and died Aug. 26, 1872. He was at one time superintendent of the Mill Stone Point quarry, at Waterford, Conn., and was engaged in the granite business, in New York City, as a partner of Thomas Crane. He wedded Miss Mary Post Markham, who was born June 1, 1824, and died Jan. 12, 1887. Their only child was Niles Glover, the subject of this sketch. (2) Caroline M., born Nov. 10, 1821, died Sept. 27, 1881. She married Moses Sisson, and had one son, Henry, who died when about two years old. (3) John N., born Dec. 28, 1824, died Feb. 11, 1890. He resided in Chatham, Conn., and married Julia Thomas, by whom he had three children—Frank S., born July 14, 1852; Lucy N., Aug. 28, 1855; and Grace S., March 8, 1860. (4) Francis P. and (5) Olive M. both died in Norwich, Conn. (6) Alfred B., born Sept. 2, 1829, spent his school days in Chatham, and when a young man traveled in the South for the firm of Case, Lockwood & Brainard, for a year. Later he engaged in bell manufacturing at East Hampton, Conn., under the firm name of Veazey & White, consolidating the factories of J. C. Hall & Co., Hiram Veazey and White & Barton. In 1882 he retired from business and removed to West Hartford, Conn., where he now lives retired. He married Elmina A. Daniels, and they have two sons—Glover M., born Jan. 13, 1870; and Alfred B., Jr., born June 14, 1877. They form the firm of G. M. White & Co., dealers in feed and grain, at East Hartford. (7) Lucy Adaline married Francis W. Brainard, and had two daughters. (8) Nabbie Eleanor, born in 1832, married Emerson E. Niles, of Albany, N. Y., and had one son. (9) Brockway J. married Levina Bevin, and had one son, Frederick, who was adopted by Moses Sisson, and bears his name.

Niles Glover White, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Chatham, Conn., Nov. 1, 1850. He is of the third generation of practical granite-cutters in his family, having served a regular apprenticeship to the trade in New York City, and entered the firm of Thomas Crane & Co., consisting of Thomas Crane and his father. Upon the death of his father he and Thomas Crane continued the partnership, and did business under the name of Thomas Crane & Co., at No. 340 Madison street, New York City, but our subject now carries on the business as the White Granite Co., at Long Island City, New York. He is a man of keen perception, unbounded enterprise and good executive ability, and occupies an enviable position in business circles.

At Guilford, Conn., Aug. 27, 1873, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Mary Cornelia Bishop, who was born there Aug. 27, 1853, a daughter of Elisha Chapman and Charlotte Griffin (Fowler) Bishop. To this union seven children have been born, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Mary Bishop, Aug. 16, 1874; Nellie Fowler, Dec. 29, 1876; Edna, June 30, 1879; Olive, Aug. 14, 1881; Lottie, Dec. 17, 1883; Bishop, Oct. 14, 1885; and Prentice, May 24, 1891.

In connection with his New York business Mr. White is also senior member of the firm of White & Whitmore, mantel, tile and interior marble dealers of Hartford. He has made his home in West Hartford since March 24, 1880. He is president of the Prospect Casino Company, a family club, and is quite popular in social as well as in business circles.

ARTHUR MANNING, a prominent and rising young mechanic and agriculturist of Manchester, was born Oct. 13, 1861, in Manchester, just across the line of East Hartford town, and is the youngest of the ten children that blessed the marriage of Charles F. and Lydia A. (Hilbord) Manning.

Charles F. Manning was born in Tolland, Conn., in 1817, received his education in the common schools and at an early age learned the blacksmith's trade. Being an expert, he was for ten years master mechanic for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., and later for Woodruff & Beach (now Beach & Co.), on State street, Hartford, and finally purchased a farm in Hillstown on which he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1876, shortly after his return from the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The ten children born to his marriage, in 1841 or 1842, to Miss Lydia A. Hilbord, a native of Scotland, Conn., were: Sarah Jane, who is married to Mark Aspinwall, and resides in Coventry, Tolland county; Charles F. and Julia, who both died young; Edward, who married Fanny Leonard, and is now living in Glastonbury, Hartford county; Chester, who married Phebe Hyde, and is now occupying the farm in Manchester on which our subject was born; Richard, who married Ella Green, and is at present foreman in the Cheney Co.'s silk factory, at South Manchester; Delia and Charles, who both died young; Silena S., who is married to Howard Geer, a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; and Arthur, the subject of this biography.

Arthur Manning received a good district-school education, learned the carpenter's trade, and was later employed for five years in that capacity at the Cheney Co.'s silk mill. He continued to live at home with his parents until one year after his marriage, when he purchased his present farm of seventy acres, which he has since conducted with abundant success in addition to following his trade.

On May 4, 1882, Mr. Manning was married to Miss Carrie M. Hills, daughter of William H. Hills, one of the most prominent and respected residents of Hillstown. Five children have crowned this union, as follows: Gertrude, born Jan. 1, 1885, is now attending the Willimantic high school; Ethel, born July 19, 1887, is still under the parental roof; Lester Arthur, born Oct. 13, 1889, died in March, 1894, and his remains lie interred in Spring street cemetery; Bessie was born May 30, 1892, and Beulah Nov. 4, 1895.

Mr. Manning is a member of King David Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Democrat. His farm is under a high state of cultivation, and five acres of the seventy are devoted to tobacco growing. He began his business life with but a small capital, but has been very industrious, has always been willing to turn his hand to anything by which he could earn an honest dollar, and, being an excellent mechanic, has never lacked employment. Aided by his excellent and estimable wife, whose affable manners and pleasant disposition have won for her the love and friendship of the entire community, Mr. Manning now finds himself in very comfortable circumstances, and justly deserves the high esteem in which he is held by all his neighbors.

JOHN SHEEHAN, a prominent resident of New Britain, is a successful business man, and as a citizen has made his influence a recognized factor in local affairs.

Mr. Sheehan was born in New Britain Jan. 22, 1859, and is of Irish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines. Thomas Sheehan, his father, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, born about 1829, and received a limited education in the schools of that country. In 1850 he came to America, locating immediately in New Britain, where he was employed for a time as a common laborer and afterward became a contractor with P. & F. Corbin and the Landers & Frary Co. In this line he was successful, but after twelve years he engaged in the grocery and liquor businesss, opening a store on Lafayette street, about 1872, and continuing same until his death, which occurred in 1885. For some time he carried on a truck and dray business in addition to his other interests, and in all his enterprises he displayed the energy and shrewd judgment which command success. He was a leading member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at New Britain, and

politically was a strong Democrat, although he never took an active share in party work. He married Sarah Mead, and they had twelve children, as follows: Thomas S., Patrick and Michael, all now deceased; Katharine; John, and Hanora, who are living; James, Martin, and William, deceased; Mary and Helen, who are living; and Sarah, deceased.

Our subject attended the old town school on Myrtle street, New Britain, until he was seventeen years old, receiving a good English education. On leaving school he turned his attention to his father's business, and removed to a new building at No. 124 High street, where he remained about ten years. In 1895 he built his present store at No. 120 High street, where he enjoys a large custom. He is a director in the New Britain Brass Co., of which he was an incorporator, and his judgment in business maters is considered exceptionally good. In politics he is a Democrat, and he takes an active part in municipal affairs, having served as a councilman from the Fifth ward, in 1891-92-93, and was alderman for five years, from 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

Mr. Sheehan married Miss Bridget DeWitt, daughter of Michael DeWitt, a native of Ireland, and now a respected citizen of New Britain. Six children brighten his home: Sarah, Thomas, John, Frederick, Helen and Katharine. He and his family are popular socially, and he is an active worker in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Order of Foresters, having served as treasurer in both, and belongs to the order of Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization.

DWIGHT A. HARRIS, superintendent of the water works of the city of New Britain, is a man whose energies have been disciplined by the strenuous effort to overcome adverse conditions in youth, and his present high standing reflects great credit upon him. His sound judgment, developed by self-reliant work in earlier years, is of recognized value to the city, and the water-works system, under his able and efficient management, has been a successful venture, and is constantly increasing in extent and usefulness.

Mr. Harris was born Sept. 17, 1849, in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and comes of a family which has long been noted for industry and enterprise. Asel Harris, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1790, and spent much of his life in the town of Middleville, Herkimer Co., N. Y., where he engaged extensively in farming. He was an excellent citizen, but was somewhat reserved in his manner, and never took an active part in public affairs, preferring to devote his attention to his business in which he was very successful. For many years he was a leading member of the Methodist Church in his locality, and died in that faith. His wife was Mariah Bushnell, of New York. Of their children Richard was a produce and commission merchant in New York City; Walter and Gailord also reside in New York City; William W. is mentioned below; Erastus was a carpenter; and Emma married Seymour Jackson, then of Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and now a farmer in California.

William W. Harris, our subject's father, was born June 1, 1818, in Fairfield, N. Y., and received a district-school education. He learned the carpenter's trade in his native town, and in 1847 went to Sheboygan Falls, Wis., where he was connected with a sash and blind factory for several years. Soon afterward he removed to Boonville, N. Y., and resumed his trade. He was a man of good mental ability, but his retiring disposition kept him from achieving the prominence which others, less worthy, gained readily. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and in politics he affiliated with the Republican party, although he was never active in partisan work. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Jane Adelia Jackson, was born Feb. 21, 1819, and died Feb. 17, 1887; he survived her but a few years, dying Jan. 18, 1898. The Jackson family is well known in Herkimer county, N. Y. and our subject's maternal grandfather, General John Jackson, born Dec. 30, 1795, died in 1830 at the age of thirty-five years, a successful farmer, and took a prominent part in military affairs as an officer in the State militia. Hester Neeley Jackson, wife of General Jackson, was born Nov. 13, 1797, and died Sept. 2, 1881. Four children were born to William H. Harris and wife: Mary, who married Rosell Pitcher; Dwight Augustus, our subject; Anna G., who died at the age of eighteen; and Nettie M., wife of William D. Sipplle, of Boonville, New York.

Dwight A. Harris was educated mainly in the public schools of Boonville, and his love of reading has led to private study of various topics. On leaving school, at the age of eighteen, he learned the tinner's trade, serving an apprenticeship at Boonville. For a few years he followed the trade as a journeyman, but he gave it up to become a guide in the Adirondacks. His five years in that occupation brought good financial returns, and many interesting experiences. He shot many deer, and during the close seasons, in company with Samuel Dunokin, engaged in trapping otter, marten and mink, often having 500 traps set. In visiting his line of traps he would often spend two weeks, as they covered a range from ten to thirty miles. In June, 1872, he came to New Britain to work for W. J. Bulkeley in the steam and gas piping business, and his ability and skill so impressed the community that when a superintendent was wanted for the new water-works system, in 1883, he was chosen for the place, which he has held ever since. He is also engineer of fire engine No. 2, New Britain. Politically Mr. Harris is a Republican, but he is not especially active in the work of the party, and socially he is identified with the Order of United American Mechanics; the I. O. O. F., Phœnix Lodge, No. 52, and with Lodge No. 19, B. P. O. E.

D. A. Harris

RALPH GILLETT, former president of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., whose death occurred April 17, 1894, was descended from ancestors on both sides who were among the earliest colonists of New England.

Rev. Nathan Gillett, the father of Ralph, was a native of Connecticut; his father, Nathan (afterward called Major), together with his brother, Capt. Zacherus, were among the first to respond to the "Lexington Alarm" from Simsbury, Conn. They belonged to the first company of volunteers, and they afterward faithfully served their country as true soldiers and throughout the Revolutionary period. They probably remembered the motive which their fathers had when they came to the rough coast of New England, a few generations before. Nathan and his brother Jonathan Gillett first settled in Dorchester, Mass., and Nathan is recorded as a land holder and was admitted a freeman in 1634. In 1635 he left Dorchester and removed to Old Windsor, Conn. It is said that the old family of Gilletts first fled from France to Dorchester in England, in consequence of religious persecution.

Rev. Nathan Gillett, the father of our subject, married Lydia Jones, the daughter of Capt. Samuel Jones, of Hebron, Conn. The Rev. Isaac Jones, of Litchfield, Conn., in 1822 furnished this history of his ancestors, in connection with that of Capt. Samuel Jones, and of Dr. Anson Jones, who afterward became the second President of the Republic of Texas.

This family are descendants of Col. John Jones, one of the judges who pronounced sentence against Charles I, King of England, who was executed June 30, 1649. On the accession to the throne of Charles II, in 1660, Col. Jones, with nine other judges, was condemned and executed. Col. Jones married Henrietta, sister of Oliver Cromwell, and their son, Hon. William Jones, married, in 1639, Hannah, daughter of Theophilus Eaton, afterward first Governor of the Colony of New Haven, Conn., and came with him to America. From this William Jones, the first American ancestor of this branch of the Jones family, the subject of this sketch was in the sixth generation, the line of his descent being through Isaac, Capt. Samuel and Lydia Jones.

From this Isaac Jones descended many men who made their mark in their various callings of life, among them Hon. Joel Jones, the first president of Girard College, and Hon. Anson Jones, the second president of the Republic of Texas. Capt. Samuel Jones, son of Isaac, born in Saybrook, Conn., in 1695, married, in 1719, Rachel Dibble, and settled in Hebron, Conn., where he died in 1733, and she in 1765. Of their eight children, Lydia, daughter of Captain Samuel, became the mother of our subject. Capt. Samuel was an officer in the French and Indian war, under Gen. Putnam, and his commission under King George II is in the possession of his grandson, Alfred S. Gillett, of Washington, D. C., together with letters written by his grandfather while in the service.

The Rev. Nathan Gillett graduated at Williams College in about 1798. He entered as minister in the Congregational Church, and became pastor of a church of Gilead Society, in Hebron, Conn., in 1799, and remained their pastor till 1824. He removed from there to Monson, Mass., that his sons might be placed in the Monson Academy, and his other children have the advantage of good school facilities. He later settled in Madison county, N. Y., and remained there ten years. He returned to Connecticut and died in Ellington, Conn., in 1845. There he lies buried in the family lot of the Gilletts, and strange that this old town was once a part of Windsor, where his fathers settled two hundred and fifty years ago. He was a man of very fair talents, a clergyman of the old school, unassuming and unostentatious. He married the daughter of Capt. Samuel Jones, in the old parish where he was settled. She was born in 1781 and died in 1865. She was a woman of the most sterling character and intelligence, and possessed of great virtues. Of her children, other than our subject, Alfred S. Gillett is still living (he organized the Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Co. of Philadelphia in 1853, and was its first secretary, became its vice-president, and is now its president); Albert J. died in Hartford, in 1865; and Edwin Nathan died still later in Illinois.

RALPH GILLETT, our subject, was born in Gilead, Conn., Oct. 14, 1811. He received a classical education, and was prepared to enter college. He was an excellent Greek and Latin scholar, while preparing for future advancement, but like most ministers' sons he found himself poor, and abandoned his pursuit after classical literature or knowledge. He went to work in a country store in Ellington. He afterward became the owner of the Ellington High School property, established and owned by the late Judge John Hall, and at one time one of the most prosperous preparatory schools in the State. In 1849 he moved from Ellington to Hartford, and entered the general field of fire and life insurance, becoming general agent for several companies. He was the first president of the City Fire Insurance Co., of the Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co., and of the Union Fire Insurance Company. He was a strong advocate of the mutual system in both fire and life insurance, and became the president of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which has recently re-insured and disposed of all its liabilities. His death, as already recorded, occurred April 17, 1894, and it can be well said of him that he was methodical in all his business transactions, liberal in his charities, during his lifetime probably giving away more in charity than he left of estate. His only living relatives on the Gillett side are Albert B. Gillett, Mrs. Thomas R. Loomis, and Mrs. Mary P. Smith, all residing in Hartford.

IRA PECK. From the inscriptions on a substantial brown stone monument standing in Spring Grove cemetery, Hartford, it is learned that Ira

Peck was born Nov. 15, 1700, and died July 4, 1870, and that his wife Penelope was born Feb. 13, 1790, and died March 12, 1869.

The birthplace of Mr. Peck was in the town of Wallingford, Conn., but soon after his advent into the world his father, John Peck, established a home for the family in Farmington. He was descended from an historic New England family of the Colonial period. The Connecticut Pecks are descendants of Joseph, of Milford, Deacon William and Henry, of New Haven, each becoming the ancestor or progenitor of a numerous race. Deacon William Peck, the ancestor of the branch of the Peck family to which our subject belongs, was born in London, England, in 1601, and with his wife Elizabeth, and one child, Jeremiah, came to New England in the ship "Hector" in 1637, with the company of which Gov. Eaton and Rev. John Davenport were the leaders, and was one of the planters or founders of the Colony of New Haven in the spring of 1638. Deacon Peck was a merchant and a man of high standing in the colony. He was a deacon in the church at New Haven from 1659 to the time of his death, in 1694. From this emigrant ancestor our subject is a descendant in the seventh generation, the line of his descent being through John, John (2), Samuel, Samuel (2), and John (3).

(II) John Peck, son of Deacon William, the emigrant, born in 1638, settled in Wallingford in 1672, and died there in 1724.

(III) John Peck (2), son of John, born in 1674, was a resident of Wallingford, where he was a deacon of the church, and died in 1771, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

(IV) Samuel Peck, son of John (2), born in 1704, was a prominent man in the town of Wallingford, where he died in 1755.

(V) Samuel Peck (2), son of Samuel, lived and died in the town of Wallingford, his death occurring in 1815, when he was aged eighty-one years.

(VI) John Peck (3), son of Samuel (2), and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1769, and resided in the town of Farmington, where he died in 1811. Of his six sons, Chauncey located in Windham, N. Y., and became the ancestor of a numerous family in that locality; the remaining five were Ira, John, George, Caleb and Benjamin.

The late Ira Peck, our subject, of Wallingford, in youth learned the blacksmith's trade, and began his career engaged in mechanical lines. Along in the early part of the present century, when he was still a young man, he went to the State of Georgia, and became extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits, keeping a general store, and acquired a large property. In 1858 he sold his property in Georgia, and retired from active business. Returning North he located in Hartford, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1870. He owned considerable real estate in Hartford, and added largely to his property by judicious stock investments before the Civil war, and at his death left an estate amounting to over a million dollars. To his marriage with Penelope Keyes were born six children, three sons and three daughters, but the sons are now all deceased: Henry K., born May 12, 1824, died Aug. 22, 1877; Ira H., born April 16, 1832, died Nov. 20, 1876; William H., born April 19, 1838, died Feb. 22, 1898; Caroline P., wife of H. P. Redfield; Mary, wife of J. Danesi, who was a member of Gen. Hancock's staff during the Civil war; and Cornelia C., a resident of the old homestead in Hartford. In his political affiliations Mr. Peck was first a Jackson Democrat, then a Whig, and finally a Republican.

GEORGE BEST, a prominent citizen of Hartford, now living in retirement, was born Oct. 22, 1826, in London, England, son of George Best, and grandson of John Best, the latter a native and lifelong resident of that country. His father was born in the west of England, and when a young man was employed at the East India docks, in London. In 1836 he came to America, and located first in Windsor, Conn., where he engaged in farming, but his last years were spent in Granby, his death occurring at the age of seventy-three. His wife, Jane (Collett), also a native of England, lived to the age of ninety, and both were for many years devout members of the Baptist Church. They had seven children, two of whom are living: George, our subject; and Susan, a resident of Danvers, Massachusetts.

Our subject's early life was spent mainly in Windsor, and on completing his common-school course he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed in Simsbury and Tariffville for some time, in 1852 going to Hartford to enter Colt's Armory as a contractor. This work he resigned in 1891, and subsequently entered the carriage business, which he continued until 1898, and then sold out. He made a specialty of fine carriages for the local market, and had an extensive business. In July, 1851, Mr. Best married Miss Catherine Turnbull, a native of Scotland, and daughter of Robert Turnbull, a manufacturer, who died at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Best have had eight children, three of whom died young; Agnes B. is the widow of Frank G. White, who died in 1892; George L., a manufacturer in Hartford, married Evaline Allen; Alice married Leon Broadhurst, who is connected with the Phoenix Bank in Hartford (they have had two children, Katherine and Nelly); Charles and Daisy are at home.

Mr. Best is one of the oldest residents of the city, which has doubled in population during his residence there. He is a stanch Republican, and his ability and public spirit have made him a valued member of the local organization, which he frequently represents in conventions. He has served in the common council, and was nine years on the board of aldermen, seven years as president. He was police commissioner one year, member of the fire board and the Hartford city committee for a time, and in 1887 was appointed a director of the State prison, serving until the expiration of the Governor's term.

His family is much esteemed socially, and all attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Best is identified with different clubs and societies, and is one of the oldest Masons in Hartford, being connected with the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter, and Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., of Hartford.

CHENEY. Through the present century, specially, has the name of Cheney been most closely and prominently identified with the social and business growth of Manchester. The members of the family of whom we particularly write are the posterity of George and Electa (Woodbridge) Cheney, whose sons through their ingenuity and perseverance established (after years of experiment and loss in silk culture) and developed the great silk manufacturing plant bearing the name of Cheney Brothers, an enterprise most remarkable for its growth. Their sons in turn followed in the footsteps of their fathers, and the mills are most successfully conducted by them. South Manchester is deservedly credited with being the model manufacturing village in New England. The growth and appearance of the place is due to the untiring energy and philanthropy of the Cheney Brothers, whose immense silk mills are the nucleus around which have clustered the most ornate and comfortable residences for operatives and other employes, as well as commodious churches, schools and other public buildings, their erection being largely due to the liberality of the firm.

Before noting the genealogy of the family and the lives of some of the individuals who have been instrumental in building up this large industry, as well as in developing the town of South Manchester, we will refer to the history of the mills. George Cheney lived and died at the old Cheney homestead, located about a mile south of Manchester Center, where his father, Timothy Cheney, had improved the water power and built a saw and grist mill. In March, 1836, several of the sons of George Cheney built a small mill known as the Mount Nebo Silk Mill, and began the manufacture of sewing silk—their first venture as silk manufacturers. On the rise of the *morus multicaulus* (Chinese mulberry) speculation, Ward, Frank, Charles and Rush Cheney went with ardor into the culture of mulberry trees, Charles on a farm in Ohio, and the others on farms in New Jersey, having nurseries and cocooneries at Burlington, where they published for a time "The Silk Growers and Farmers Manual." In 1841 they returned to South Manchester, re-opened the Mount Nebo Mill, and made sewing silk from imported raw silk. From this there dates the steady development of the silk industry. The next ten years they spent in study and experiment, aided by travel and close observation of what had been done abroad. In 1855 they made their first experiments in the production of spun silk from pierced cocoons, floss, silk waste, and whatever silk cannot be reeled. From a small beginning this new industry, developed by years of patient and costly experiment, grew to be the specialty of the business. In place of the old Mount Nebo Mill has arisen the group of buildings known as the Old Mill, comprising the business offices, with various departments for weaving, dyeing, finishing, and preparing goods for shipment. What is known as the New Mill, built in 1871, consists of four three-story brick buildings, each 250 feet long and connected by a common front. The Lower Mill is a third group. The Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Co. was incorporated in 1854, with a capital of $1,000,000. In that year the company built a mill in Hartford which was operated until 1868 under the management of Charles Cheney. The number of names on the pay-roll was increased from the half dozen in the old original mill to over fifteen hundred. In 1869 the Cheney Brothers built between South and North Manchester a railroad connecting with what is now the Highland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

Col. Frank Woodbridge Cheney and his brother Knight Dexter Cheney, sons of the late Charles Cheney, are secretary and treasurer and president, respectively, of the Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Co., Frank Cheney, Jr., being vice-president. The other directors are Jas. W. Cheney, John S. Cheney, Harry G. Cheney and Richard O. Cheney. These men are descendants in the eighth generation from their first American ancestor, John Cheney, the line of their descent being through Peter, Peter (2), Benjamin, Timothy, George, Charles (in the case of the brothers), and Ralph (in the case of Richard O.).

(I) John Cheney, head of the Newbury line of the family to which the family under consideration belong, resided for a period at Roxbury, Mass. The following minute concerning him was made by Rev. John Eliot, "Apostle to the Indians," in his record of the Church, being quoted and given just as written, retaining the spelling, capitalization, etc., of the original:

"John Cheney, he came into the Land in the year 1635, he brought four children, Mary, Martha, John, Daniel, Sarah, his 5th child was borne in the last month of the same year 1635, cald February, he removed from or Church to Newvery the end of the next suer 1636. Martha Cheney the wife of John Cheney."

John Cheney served several times as selectman. He was made a "freeman" May 17, 1637. He died in 1666. The children born to him after Sarah, mentioned above, were: Peter, Lydia, Hannah, Nathaniel and Elizabeth.

(II) Peter Cheney, son of John Cheney, born about 1639, in Newbury, Mass., married, in 1663, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Nicholas and Mary (Cutting) Noyes. Peter Cheney was a miller, and trained up his sons to that business. He died in 1694-95. His children were: Peter (2), John, Nicholas, Huldah, Mary, Martha, Nathaniel, Eldad, Hannah, Ichabod and Lydia.

(III) Peter Cheney (2), son of Peter Cheney, born in 1663, in Newbury, married, in 16—, at

Watertown, Mary Holmes, and their children were: Nicholas, Rhoda and Benjamin. He served in the blockhouse against the Indians in 1704. It seems that he was engaged in the sawmill business for many years.

(IV) Benjamin Cheney, son of Peter Cheney (2), born 1698-99, in Newbury, married in 1724, in Hartford, Conn., Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Elmer) Long. Benjamin Cheney bought an interest in a sawmill in East Hartford, Conn., in 1721. He was a carpenter and joiner and wheelwright, and his sons inherited the ability to work with tools which they applied in clockmaking, boat-building and other ingenious ways. He acquired considerable land, carried on farming operations on a large scale, and amassed a large property. His children were: Benjamin, Abiel, Elizabeth, Timothy, Silas and Asahel.

(V) Timothy Cheney, son of Benjamin Cheney, born May 10, 1731, in East Hartford, Conn., married (first), in 1758, Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Pitkin) Olcott. She died in 1786, and in 1787 he married (second) Martha, daughter of Mathew and Martha (Perkins) Loomis, and widow of Lemuel White, of East Hartford. Timothy Cheney's home was in the "Five Mile" District, which first became entitled "Orford," and later was incorporated as Manchester. He was clerk of Orford Ecclesiastical Society at its establishment, in 1792. He was captain of a militia company, and, as tradition has it, was detailed, by request of Gen. Washington, to make powder-sieves for the army. He died Sept. 27, 1797. His children were: Timothy, Elizabeth, Mary, Asahel, George, Clarissa and Polly.

(VI) George Cheney, son of Timothy Cheney, was born Dec. 20, 1771, and married, Oct. 18, 1798, Electa Woodbridge, who was born Jan. 2, 1781, daughter of Deodatus and Esther (Wells) Woodbridge, and descended from Rev. John Woodbridge, of Stanton, England, through Rev. John (of Newbury, Mass.), Rev. Benjamin, Rev. Samuel, Russell and Deodatus. The children of George and Electa Cheney were: George Wells, John, Charles, Ralph, Seth Wells, Ward, Rush, Frank and Electa, of whom Frank is the only son living at this time (1900). Electa, now Mrs. Richard Goodman, of Lenox, Mass., also survives.

(VII) George Wells Cheney, son of George Cheney, born in 1799, married, in 1824, Mary, daughter of Calvin and Lovina (Wilson) Cheney, and died in 1841. He was highly esteemed for his upright character, and greatly respected by his fellow citizens, holding the offices of town clerk and justice of the peace from 1828 until his death, and his decisions were so just and equitable that no appeal was ever taken in a case he once decided. His children were: George Wells, John S., Mary E., Charles E., William H., Emily F., James W., and Caroline W. Of these, John S. was State senator and has served as judge of probate, also as member of the State Sewage commission. James W. has been active in the politics of State, county and town; is one of the directors of the Connecticut State Prison, and is a member of the Connecticut River, Bridge and District Commission.

(VII) Charles Cheney, son of George Cheney, born Dec. 26, 1803, married (first), in 1829, Waitstill Dexter, daughter of Mason and Mary Brown (Howell) Shaw, of Belchertown. His children, all by this marriage, were: Frank Dexter, Frank Woodbridge, Mary Howell, Sarah Shaw, Knight Dexter and Anna Wells. The mother of these died in 1841, and in 1847 the father married (second) Harriet A., daughter of Henry Bowen, of Providence, R. I. She died in 1870. Charles Cheney died June 20, 1874. He was a most systematic business man, and took an important part in organizing the Silk Manufacturing Co. which he and his brothers founded at South Manchester, Conn., in 1836. At his death the Hartford *Courant* observed: "The deceased for a time resided in this city, and won the highest respect of every one with whom he was acquainted. He will be remembered here as one always generous and prompt in acts of benevolence, doing good for the love of it, and modestly shrinking from any unnecessary prominence. His loss will be deeply mourned here and in the village which his business enterprise has helped to build up, and which his taste and generosity, with the harmonious co-operation of others of his family, have done much to beautify."

(VII) Ralph Cheney, son of George Cheney, born Jan. 13, 1806, married, in 1833, Jerusha D., daughter of Stephen B. Goodwin, of Wethersfield, Conn. She died in 1869. They adopted two children, Mary and Richard Otis. Ralph Cheney died in March, 1897. He was fond of agricultural pursuits, and devoted most of his life to farming, being also interested in the development of the silk industry, and a partner with his brothers in that business.

(VII) Seth Wells Cheney, son of George Cheney, born Nov. 26, 1810, married (first), in 1847, Emily Woodbridge, daughter of Horace Pitkin, of Manchester. She died in 1850, and in 1853 he married (second) Ednah Dow, daughter of Sergeant Smith and Edna Parker (Dow) Littlehale. Seth Wells Cheney died in 1856. Most of his life was spent in travel and in the study of engraving, crayon work and oil-painting. He worked with his brother John in engraving, and, beginning with home-made tools, rose to command the respect of the artistic world, producing many portraits and paintings which are highly prized today. His only child, Margaret S., born in 1855, died in 1882.

(VII) Ward Cheney, son of George Cheney, born Feb. 23, 1813, married Caroline Jackson. She died in 1865, and he passed away in 1876. He was a man of great executive ability, of splendid physique and personal magnetism, much beloved by all who came in contact with him in business or the social circle. He took an active part in

the introduction of the Chinese mulberry into this country, and in the raising of silk worms, and was largely identified with his brothers in the business of manufacturing silk in South Manchester. His children were: Louis, Alice and Arthur.

"Mr. Ward Cheney was of a peculiarly genial and sunny disposition, cordial and hospitable in his nature, and of such bright and cheerful presence as to inspire all who came in contact with him and to win irresistibly the love of those about him. Mr. Cheney was born in Manchester, where most of his business life was passed. When a young man he went to Providence to clerk in the store of his brother Charles, then in mercantile business, and there received an excellent business training. He was a man to rely upon at all times and in all places, one fitted for any public position to which his fellow citizens might have called him. He only once consented to take a political position, serving in the House of Representatives in 1854. His kindly heart and genial character were not shown alone in his beautiful home—many other homes having been made brighter by his presence, and in times of suffering and sorrow, or distress of any kind, there was all of manly strength and womanly tenderness in Ward Cheney which any emergency might call for."

(VII) Rush Cheney, son of George Cheney, born April 25, 1815, married, in 1847, Julia A., daughter of Horace W. and Bridget (Grant) Goodwin. She died in 1867, and he in 1882. He possessed inventive talent as well as capability in the application of mechanical principles to manufacturing, and thus contributed a very important element to the building up of the silk manufacture, in which he was engaged most of his life. His children were: Anne Wells, Harry Grant, Louise and Robert. At the death of Mr. Cheney the *Press* said:

"Rush Cheney was born and brought up in Manchester, and, with the exception of a brief sojourn in New Jersey for the sake of an experiment in mulberry culture in 1836, and of periods of travel in Europe and California, his whole life has been spent in the neighborhood of his early home, among the quiet domestic surroundings which he preferred. Until quite recently he has been engaged in the business of the silk company he had helped to create, and of which he has been since the death of Mr. Ward Cheney, in 1876, the presiding officer. But though he was by habit a business man, all his natural tastes and endowments fitted him for the life of an artist. Lover of nature, of art and music, he illustrated each in the simple beauty and harmony of his life. Those who have lived near him have recognized in him a fineness and transparency of nature, through which, as through the medium of a clear glass, his modest and retiring virtues have shone with a pure radiance. He has been greatly honored and beloved by all about him, and no one could approach him without feeling his gracious and kindly influence."

(VII) Frank Cheney, son of George Cheney, born July 5, 1817, married, in 1853, Susan J., daughter of Daniel C. and Susan (Jarvis) Cushing. She was born May 9, 1827, at Providence, R. I. A natural mechanic, he joined with his brother Rush in the invention and construction of machinery which made the family business successful. His children are: Katherine S., Mary, Alice B., Frank and Paul H.

(VIII) George Wells Cheney, son of George Wells Cheney, and the eldest of his generation, was born Aug. 14, 1825, in Manchester, and there received his education, being reared in his native place. Up to within fifteen years of his decease he was connected with the silk business, and he ably sustained the family reputation for ability of a high order. He took an active part in public affairs, serving for many years as justice of the peace, and as chairman of the town committee, and was deeply interested in benevolent work, though unostentatious in his benefactions. In religious connection he was a member of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Hartford. In 1850 Mr. Cheney was married, in Marlboro, this county, to Miss Harriet Richmond, daughter of William Wadsworth Richmond, and a descendant of Elder William Brewster, of Plymouth Colony. Three children were born to this union: Wells Wadsworth, Louis Richmond and George Herbert, all mentioned below. The father died at South Manchester Dec. 29, 1893, and the mother passed away at her home there Sept. 10, 1900, after enjoying the same high respect which was accorded her husband by all who knew him.

(IX) Wells Wadsworth Cheney, born in South Manchester May 30, 1857, was educated at the schools there, also at Hartford Public High School, and at Wilbraham, Mass. He is connected with the silk mills. On April 19, 1887, he married Lucy Compton Street, of Ormond, Fla., and they have one son, George Wells, born Aug. 9, 1888.

(IX) Louis Richmond Cheney was born April 27, 1859, in South Manchester, and passed his early life there, receiving his primary education. Subsequently he attended the Hartford Public High School, from which he was graduated. His business career was commenced in the Cheney Brothers mill at Manchester, where he remained three years, later spending seven years in the factory at Hartford, and four years in New York City, in the sales department. He has since made his home in Hartford, where he has engaged somewhat in the real-estate business, and he has also acted as trustee for several estates. The public affairs of his adopted city have received a due share of his time and attention, and he is at present serving as alderman from the Tenth ward. Under Gov. Coffin he served as assistant quartermaster-general of the State, and he is commanding officer of the Governor's Foot Guard. Socially he holds membership in the S. A. R., Society of Colonial Wars, and in various clubs; also being a director

in the Connecticut River Banking Co., the Hartford Hospital and the American School for the Deaf. On April 16, 1890, Mr. Cheney married Mary A., daughter of Lucius F. and Eliza (Trumbull) Robinson, and they have one child, Eliza Trumbull.

(IX) George Herbert Cheney, born Sept. 3, 1861, in South Manchester, was educated partly in the schools there, and was graduated from the Hartford Public High School. He is a broker in New York City. On Dec. 20, 1893, he married Isabel Bartlett, of Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE ELLIS, late secretary of the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, who died June 25, 1898, after a brief illness, at his home in Wethersfield avenue, came of old and prominent New England stock. He was a man of great social charm, widely esteemed throughout Connecticut, and as an insurance man known throughout the country.

Mr. Ellis was a son of Benjamin F. and Rulina (Perry) Ellis, and was born in Hartford Sept. 27, 1843. He was educated at the Hartford Public High School, and entered Trinity College in 1860 (class of '64). Volunteering his services in the defense of the Union, he was appointed by Secretary Welles assistant engineer in the navy, left college in 1861, and entered the service, holding that position until 1868. He was with Farragut at Mobile, and in the engagements at Galveston and on the Rio Grande. Leaving the navy, Mr. Ellis was appointed civil engineer in the construction of the Southern Minnesota railroad, residing in La Crosse, Wis., until 1871, when he returned to Hartford. There he came in contact with James G. Batterson, president of the Travelers Insurance Co., who offered Mr. Ellis the position of actuary in that company, a position which he held until the day of his death. He was unanimously elected secretary and director of the company Jan. 27, 1897. He was a member of the Loyal Legion, Army and Navy Club, Sons of the Revolution, American Society of Actuaries, and Church Club of Connecticut, and a number of clubs in other cities. A lineal descendant of Gov. Bradford, of Plymouth Colony, he was a member of the New England Society of Mayflower Descendants. He was also a member of the Hartford Club and the Connecticut Historical Society. As a member of the board of police commissioners he served the city of Hartford for fourteen years under different administrations. At the time of his death he was a director in the City Bank and The Society for Savings, and senior warden of Christ Church. On the day of his death, in a public letter, President Batterson thus wrote of him:

The business period of his life was devoted to the interests of the Travelers Insurance Co.; and twenty-four years of honest, faithful service endeared him to his associates by ties which sweeten the memory of a faithful servant and a loyal friend. He was a patient listener to the opinions of others, but firm in his convictions of duty and adherence to truth. With a pure heart and clean lips, he was never heard to use profane or angry words under any circumstances. For many years the senior warden of Christ Church, his filial devotion to her services and ministrations was a marked characteristic of his Christian life. He could truthfully say: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth." The company, the community, and the various fraternities with which he was affiliated, have suffered a great loss, for his busy, helpful hand is still. Through the last long night he hungered for the light and air; when morning came he slept—but his new life had begun.

Mr. Ellis was married, May 13, 1868, in Albany, N. Y., to Janet Stevens, daughter of John and Agnes Gordon (Lauder) McEwan. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 1, 1847, and died Dec. 4, 1896. The children born to them were: (1) George William, born Dec. 6, 1870, in Albany, N. Y., was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1894, and is now connected with the Travelers Insurance Co. He married Miss Aimee Freeland Corson, a granddaughter of the late William R. Cone, and has one son, George Corson Ellis. (2) Alfred Lauder, born April 21, 1877, in Hartford, was graduated from Trinity College in the class of 1898, and is now in the Cornell Medical School, in New York. (3) John McEwan, born Nov. 3, 1881, in Hartford, now a student at Cornell University.

Benjamin Franklin Ellis, father of the late George Ellis, was born Nov. 3, 1814, in Glastonbury, Conn. He was married, Nov. 19, 1840, to Rulina, daughter of John and Sally (Belcher) Perry, of Wales, Mass. He removed to Hartford, where for many years he was a contractor and builder, retiring from business in the early 'eighties. He was a vestryman of Christ Church for many years. He survives at this writing (1901), at the advanced age of eighty-seven. His father, Benjamin Baker Ellis, was born at Norwich, Conn., and was for many years a ship builder—of privateers and vessels in the West Indies trade—at South Glastonbury. On May 13, 1798, in Enfield, he married Alice, daughter of Lemuel Kingsbury.

Dr. Benjamin Baker Ellis, of Norwich, Conn., the father of Benjamin Baker Ellis, was a direct descendant in the male line of the old Ellis family of Dedham, Mass. His wife, Alice (Kingsbury) Ellis, was a descendant in the seventh generation from (I) Henry Kingsbury, who came to America from Groton, County of Suffolk, England, in company with Gov. John Winthrop, in 1630. His name stands No. 25, and his wife's No. 26, among the members of the First Church in Boston. (II) Henry Kingsbury (2), born in England in 1615, married Susannah ———. (III) Joseph Kingsbury, son of Henry (2), born at Ipswich in March, 1657, married Love Ayres, of Haverhill, Mass., April 2, 1679. In 1708 he removed to Norwich, Conn., where he died in 1741. (IV) Nathaniel Kingsbury, son of Joseph, was born at Ipswich Aug. 23, 1684, married, in Haverhill, Hannah, daughter of Rev. John Denison, in 1709. In 1712

he removed from Norwich to Windham, and in 1725 to Coventry, Tolland Co., Conn., where she died in 1772. (V) Joseph Kingsbury (2), son of Nathaniel, born March 27, 1721, in Windham, married, in 1745, May Loomis, of Bolton, Conn. On April 7, 1757, he removed to Enfield, Conn., having bought 500 acres of land in that town. He was a member of the Assembly from that town from 1778 to 1785, and a delegate from Enfield for the ratification of the Constitution of the United States.

(VI) Lemuel Kingsbury, son of Joseph (2), born Sept. 14, 1752, married, Dec. 23, 1773, Alice, daughter of Samuel Terry, of Enfield, an account of whose ancestry is set forth elsewhere. He was a minute-man in 1776, and a cornet in the 5th Regiment of Light Horse. He was a Jeffersonian, casting the only vote for Jefferson in the town of Enfield, for which action he was requested to resign his church and public offices. His wife died March 25, 1831, and he died Sept. 14, 1846, aged ninety-four years.

Through Ann Collins, wife of Ephraim Terry, Mr. Ellis traced his ancestry through Rev. Nathaniel Collins, the first pastor of the church of Enfield; Rev. Nathaniel Collins, pastor of the church in Middletown from 1668 to 1684; to Deacon Edward Collins, of Cambridge, Mass., 1636.

Through Alice Adams, wife of Rev. Nathaniel Collins, Mr. Ellis traced his ancestry through William Adams, Jr., second minister of the church at Dedham (who came with his parents in the "Ann" from London, in 1635), to William Adams, the pioneer ancestor of the family in Cambridge, in 1635.

Through Alice Bradford, wife of Rev. William Adams, and daughter of William Bradford, deputy governor of Plymouth Colony from 1682 to 1687, Mr. Ellis traced his ancestry to Gov. Bradford, of the Plymouth Colony.

THEODORE M. LINCOLN (deceased), for many years a prominent and successful business man in Hartford, was a native of that city, born March 16, 1830, a son of Levi and Malinda (Miles) Lincoln, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Our subject was educated in Hartford, in early manhood removing to New York, where he was employed as a bookkeeper for a time. Returning to Hartford he embarked in the manufacture of fancy iron fences, in which he continued until his death, Feb. 25, 1863. For many years he was a member and trustee of the Pearl Street Congregational Church, and his life was a practical illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish; while promoting his own interests he materially assisted in the advancement of the welfare of the community at large. In his political preferences he was a Whig and Republican. In Hartford, April 2, 1857, Mr. Lincoln married Mary J. Winship, who was born Nov. 25, 1833.

Mrs. Theodore M. Lincoln is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Ives) Winship, the former of whom was a son of Joseph, a leading farmer of Hartford, where he died at the age of fifty years; he married Mehitabel Rhodes, of Wethersfield, and had a family of five children, all now deceased. Grandmother Winship lived to the patriarchal age of ninety years, and their son Walter, Mrs. Lincoln's uncle, reached the age of ninety-one, dying in Hartford in 1890. He was employed by Robbins & Winship.

Joseph Winship, the father of Mrs. Lincoln, learned the trade of cabinetmaker, and in partnership with P. F. Robbins conducted a furniture manufacturing business for many years in Hartford, theirs being the oldest establishment of the kind in the city, turning out the finest line of furniture, much of which may still be seen in the homes of the wealthier families of Hartford and other places. He died in 1888, at the age of seventy-nine, having been in business for over forty years, and was much missed in the community, where he was held in the greatest respect and esteem as a man of strict integrity. An influential and devout member of the South Baptist Church, he was senior deacon in same, and held other offices. His late home, where still reside Mrs. Lincoln and her sister, Mrs. Whitelaw, is one of the finest and most comfortable in the city, and in the grounds surrounding it he was wont to spend many a pleasant sunny day, attending to his fruit trees, shrubs and vines, for he raised a considerable quantity of fine fruit, especially grapes, celebrated all over this section, and for which he invariably took prizes at agricultural shows and other occasions. Mrs. Lincoln's sister, Cornelia E., living with her, was married, May 19, 1875, to William H. Whitelaw, at present a collector, but formerly in the grocery business in Hartford. They have had one son, Theodore W., who died Feb. 25, 1886, aged five and a half years. Mr. Whitelaw enlisted, at Watertown, Conn., in July, 1862, in Company D, 19th Conn. V. I., afterward the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery, and did garrison duty at the fortifications in Washington until the last of May, 1864. He was then assigned to the 6th Corps, and his first fight was at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864. The regiment was transferred to Washington from City Point in July, in time to save Washington from the attack of Gen. Early, and from that time on was between Washington and the enemy. He was wounded at the battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864, and was discharged May 18, 1865, at the New Haven Hospital, for wounds received. Mr. Whitelaw is a member of Robert O. Tyler Post, No. 50, G. A. R.

ROBERT WARDELL ROLLINS, general manager of the Hartford Electric Light Co., Hartford, and one of the most prominent young business men of the city, comes of old New England stock.

John A. Rollins, the progenitor of this numerous and widely scattered family, came to this country from England in 1632. Edward A. Rollins, grandfather of our subject, was from Wolfboro, N. H.,

and located in Newbury, Vt., when about twenty years old. He married Nancy Meserve, and settled on a small farm in the Wallace district, following lumbering during the winter. He was a noted ox teamster during that early period, when ox-teams and bob-sleds were exclusively used in hauling in the immense first growth of pines. Edward A. Rollins reared a family of eleven children, ten of whom arrived at maturity, and only one, Henry G., now remains in the town.

Henry G. Rollins was born in 1832 in Newbury. Soon after attaining his majority he engaged for five years in the lumber business at Boltonville, with his brother Samuel. In 1857 he married Harriet Wardell, of Boltonville. Returning to his farm, he displayed unusual energy, doing a lively business in the winter in the delivery and sale of logs, bark and cordwood. This farm, to which the elder Rollins moved the year before Henry was born, is a fertile upland tract, and has been increased by subsequent purchases until now it contains more than 300 acres. Some fifteen years since Mr. Rollins built his present fine residence. Formerly interested in sheep and young stock, which he fitted for an early market, he has recently given his attention to dairying, keeping from fifteen to twenty cows. When the Civil war broke out he "left the plowshare in the mold" and enlisted in the 12th Vt. V. I., Col. A. P. Blunt, and served faithfully until his discharge. Members of the Rollins family have aided their country faithfully as soldiers since the early days, and there is a record of twenty-three of the name who served in the old French war; of fifty who served their country in the army of the Revolution; of many who fought in 1812; and of more than one hundred who defended the flag in the great Rebellion, among others Henry G., as already noted; his brother Justin L., who enlisted in an Ohio regiment and passed through nineteen battles unharmed; and another brother, Jonas M., of Danvers, Mass., who was wounded at Antietam. Such a record of loyalty and patriotism is not often equalled, and would do honor to any name.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Rollins have reared a family of two sons and five daughters, all of whom are living, and are useful members of society: Mary E., Mrs. W. A. Cobb, of Concord, N. H.; Julia E., Mrs. H. G. Darling, of Providence, R. I.; Anna S., Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, of Montpelier, Vt.; Robert W., our subject; Edward H., superintendent of power, Hartford Electric Light Co.; Hattie J., Mrs. I. C. Renfrew, of Littleton, N. H.; and L. Josephine, a stenographer and typewriter with the Hartford Electric Light Co. Mr. Rollins gave his children the benefit of good educational advantages at Newbury Seminary and Peacham Academy, and five of them became teachers. He is a kind-hearted, conscientious, reliable man, possessed of good hard common sense. In politics a steadfast Republican, he has efficiently served as lister and selectman.

Robert W. Rollins was born April 12, 1864, in Newbury, Vt., and received a common-school education, finishing at the Newbury Seminary. He came to Hartford at the age of twenty, and secured a position with the Hartford Electric Light Co., as lamp trimmer. After a few months the management, deeming him worthy of better employment, secured him a position with the Schuyler Electric Co., which at that time had its main offices in Hartford, and where he acquired considerable experience. Thence he returned to his first employ, as night engineer, in which position he remained three years. His next experience was with the Waterhouse Electric Co., with which he remained until the concern was absorbed by the Westinghouse Electric Co., when he entered their Boston office as constructing engineer, and while with them installed many plants, in all parts of the country, as well as the plant of the Havana Electric Light Co., Havana, Cuba. After several years in this incumbency Mr. Rollins returned to Hartford in 1892 to accept the position of assistant superintendent of the Hartford Electric Light Co. In 1894, on the death of the superintendent, he was promoted to that position, which he held until elected general manager of the company, in February, 1900.

Mr. Rollins' wide experience, in all branches of electric lighting, has made him conversant with every detail of the large and increasing business of the concern, and he is considered one of the most expert men in his line in the East. The company in April, 1896, absorbed the Hartford Light & Power Co., thus obtaining a clear field in Hartford and vicinity, and they operate four plants, owning three, and buying the power from the other. It may be readily seen that Mr. Rollins, as general manager, is a very busy man, and in addition to attending to the multifarious duties of his position he keeps himself thoroughly posted on improvements and new appliances in his line. The fact that he has proved himself capable in every position he has occupied, from the lowest to the highest, is sufficient justification for his rapid rise in the commercial world, a circumstance not now so common as it was a quarter of a century ago, before competition became so keen. Success and promotion have come to him as the direct result of ability, energy and hard word, properly applied, and he occupies a deservedly prominent place among the business men of the city in which his active life has been passed.

On Jan. 22, 1888, Mr. Rollins married Miss Adelia Lillian Bolger, of Hartford county.

HERBERT J. MILLS, a well-known manufacturer of Bristol, Hartford county, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and is at present serving as representative in the State Legislature. He comes of good Connecticut ancestry, and was born Sept. 15, 1851, at New Hartford, Litchfield county.

(I) Simeon Mills, of Windsor, Conn., about 1640, not long thereto, probably married Jane or Joan ———. There is a tradition that Mr. Mills

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came over with Capt. Newbury to Salem, and married Sarah Bissell, who came over in the ship with him. From this ancestor Herbert J. Mills, of Bristol, is a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through Simon, John, Deacon Joseph, Deacon Joseph (2), Roger and James Remington Mills.

(II) Simon Mills, son of Simeon and Sarah (Bissell), born probably after the father's emigration, married in 1659 Mary, daughter of William Buell, a Welshman, supposed to have left England in 1630, in the company under charge of Rev. William Warham, and who came from Dorchester, Mass., to Windsor in 1635 or 1636. Simon Mills, who was in Simsbury about 1670, died there in 1683.

(III) John Mills, son of Simon, born in Windsor, in 1668 or 1669, married Sarah Pettibone, and died in Simsbury in 1698.

(IV) Deacon Joseph Mills, born in 1694, married Hannah Adams. He removed to West Simsbury in 1742, being among the first settlers of that part of the town. He was a farmer in comfortable circumstances, and a man of eminent piety, deacon in the church. He died in 1785, and his wife in 1776.

(V) Deacon Joseph Mills (2), son of Deacon Joseph, born in 1728, in Simsbury, married (third) in 1771 Hannah Remington, of Suffield. He removed to Norfolk, Conn., about 1759. He was chosen a deacon in the church in 1772. He was a farmer and to some extent a mechanic, a man of humble piety, interesting, and affectionate and kind to his family. He died in Norfolk in 1792.

(VI) Roger Mills, son of Deacon Joseph (2), born in 1773, married in 1804 Harriet, daughter of Phineas Merrill, of New Hartford. Mr. Mills was a farmer, and to some extent a lawyer. He was greatly beloved, and held the confidence of the people. His death occurred in New Hartford in 1844.

James Remington Mills, father of our subject, was born in New Hartford Dec. 19, 1818, and resided there until 1854, when he engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits at Beloit, Wis. There he remained thirteen years, returning to Connecticut in 1867. Soon afterward he removed to Chicopee, Mass., where he found employment as a mechanic, and later he spent some time in Springfield, Mass. About 1884 he returned to his native State to pass the remainder of his life. He died June 25, 1885. On July 30, 1844, he married (first) Mary Elizabeth Mix, of Bristol, who died in Wisconsin in 1865. His second wife was Jane E. Wood, of Windsor, Conn., who survives him, and resides in East Hartford. He was the father of the following children: Mary Louisa, wife of Delos H. Cady, of Brookfield, Mo.; Cordelia A., wife of Darius A. Cudworth, of St. Anthony Park, Minn.; Herbert J., our subject; Harriet (deceased), who married Joseph F. Smith, of Bristol; Anna Isabel (deceased); and Walter E., who married Lizzie Lundbourg, and resides in Bristol.

Herbert J. Mills was educated in the district schools of Wisconsin, and his early life was spent in the wholesome environments of farm life. When the family returned to the East he went to Springfield, Mass., where he learned the business of making paper boxes, and in 1872 he removed to New Haven, from there going in 1873 to Bristol. In 1887 Mr. Mills and his cousin, David Mix, leased the paper box factory of Mr. Hitchcock, and during the same year Mr. Mills purchased his partner's interest. He continued thus until 1891, when he purchased the entire business, and built his present commodious factory.

On May 1, 1878, Mr. Mills married, in Southington, Conn., Adelia Baxter Dozier, daughter of Isaac and Lydia Dozier, of Bristol, and they have two children: Bertha Dozier, born Aug. 31, 1879; and Roger Herbert, born April 4, 1884. Mr. Mills was one of the first assessors of the borough, and he also served as burgess previous to his election as representative. Socially he and his wife are popular, and he is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.; Bristol Conclave, No. 556, Independent Order of Heptasophs; and Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., as well as the uniformed rank of that order. Politically Mr. Mills is a Democrat, and in religious faith he inclines toward the Baptist Church, of which his wife is a member.

TIMOTHY ELEAZER STEELE (deceased), in his lifetime a bright and shining light at the Bar of Hartford county, and who held and left the reputation of an honest lawyer, was a native of Connecticut, born Sept. 1, 1837, at Bolton, Tolland county.

The genealogy of the family of which Mr. Steele was a worthy member dates back to (I) George Steele, born in the County of Essex, England, who came thence to this country with his brother John, and in 1634 was made a freeman at Cambridge, Mass. From there he removed to Hartford, Conn., where he owned lands, and where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1663, at an advanced age. His son,

(II) Lieut. James Steele lived at Hartford in 1658. He married Sarah Bartholomew, who died at the age of forty-four years, and was the mother of one son. He was appointed by the General Court to lay out lands along with Gen. Wadsworth, also to determine the dividing lines between New London and Lyme. In 1675, at the breaking out of King Philip's war, he was appointed a commissary. Lieut. Steele died in 1712, leaving an estate of £878.

(III) Rev. Stephen Steele, born at Hartford in 1696, graduated from Yale College in 1718. He was the first settled minister at Tolland, his salary being £75 (about $375) per annum. He married, May 2, 1720, Ruth, daughter of Samuel Porter, of Hadley, Mass., whose sister was the wife of Rev. Solomon Williams, a descendant of whom was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Rev.

Mr. Steele died Dec. 4, 1759, his wife on May 14, 1791, aged ninety-one years.

Sanford Steele, father of our subject, was a prominent farmer and judge of probate in Bolton, Tolland county, where he died at the age of over eighty years. He married Caroline E. Sumner, daughter of T. E. and Elizabeth C. Sumner, of Gilead, Tolland Co., Conn., and to this union were born several children, of whom are yet living: (1) Henry S., of Middlefield, Conn., a farmer; (2) B. Frank, a wholesale fruit dealer of Springfield, Mass.; (3) Mary, wife of George Howe, of Springfield; and (4) Elizabeth J., a teacher of Springfield. The mother died in Springfield when over eighty years of age, a member of the M. E. Church.

Timothy E. Steele, of whom we more particularly write, received his primary education at the common schools of his place of birth, after which he entered Wilbraham Academy, and then took a course at the Wesleyan University, from which institution he graduated in 1863. Having decided on the profession of law for his life work, he studied under the late Hon. Thomas C. Perkins and ex-Gov. Richard Hubbard, in 1865 was admitted to the Bar, and at once commenced practice in Hartford, continuing there until his death, June 30, 1899.

To Mr. Steele an obituary notice pays the following tribute: "A safe counselor, his tastes and talents made him pre-eminently a trial lawyer. He was industrious and painstaking in the preparation of cases for trial. In the conduct of trials he was forceful and straightforward, thoroughly master of his own case, and quick to take advantage of every weakness of his opponent. While making no pretense to oratory in any technical sense, Mr. Steele was clear and convincing in stating his case to court or jury, and very few surpassed him in the skillfulness with which he presented the evidence in a case to the jury." Of him, also, Judge David S. Calhoun, in speaking of resolutions of respect adopted at a meeting of the Hartford County Bar, says: "While on the Bench I was always interested in the way Mr. Steele tried his cases. He was positive and industrious in the highest degree, and was possessed of a rigid honesty. I do not speak of honesty in any limited or restrictive sense. Mr. Steele was an honest man before he became a lawyer, and when he became a lawyer he did not leave his honesty behind him. His methods in Court were open and honest, and it was never necessary for the opposing lawyer to inquire whether he had a private wire leading to the jury box. He was a fearless man, a man who not only had physical but moral courage, and nothing ever swayed him from doing what he thought was right." To all of which it should be added that he was celebrated for his great ability in the examination of witnesses.

At all times an ardent Democrat, Mr. Steele nevertheless was not ambitious of political preferment, though he never hesitated to openly and manfully avow and champion his views. In 1869 he represented Bolton in the General Assembly, and after removing to Hartford he served on the council board from 1873 to 1875, being president thereof for two years. From 1891 to 1894 he was city attorney, and from 1894 to 1897 was street commissioner, while his interest in the public schools led him to serve the district in which he resided for many years as chairman of its committee. Of municipal problems he was an intelligent student, and as a public servant he was conspicuously useful and honorable. For many years he was an active member of the Congregational Church, and served on the committee of same.

Oct. 24, 1866, Timothy E. Steele was married to Clara J. Eaton, of Longmeadow, Mass., daughter of Levi Eaton, a farmer of that locality, who died there at the age of sixty-six years; his wife, Clarissa (Cooley), was born in Springfield, Mass. Of his family of six children three are yet living: Levi, in Bridgeport; Clara J. (Mrs. Steele); and Flavia (Mrs. Carter), their half-sister, of East Longmeadow, Mass. Mrs. Eaton died at the age of thirty-three, a member of the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Clara J. Steele received her education at Wilbraham Academy, and at the age of sixteen began teaching in East Longmeadow, Mass., afterward in Springfield, and, still later, in Indian Orchard, thence back to Springfield, terminating her school duties in March, 1866. By her marriage to Mr. Steele she had five children: (1) James E., with his uncle B. Frank in Springfield, Mass. (he is a graduate of the Hartford Public High School); (2) Edward L., a brief sketch of whom follows; (3) Elizabeth, a graduate of Smith College, and now a post-graduate of Wesleyan College, where she is taking a literary course under Prof. Winchester; (4) William, a traveler for Tucker & Goodwin, of Hartford; and (5) Raymond, employed in the Hartford National Bank (he and his brother William both live at the old home in Hartford). The entire family attend the Congregational Church. The father of this interesting family found his chief pleasures in the domestic circle of his home, and in the companionship of his chosen friends. It has been most truly said of him that, as a comrade, he was entertaining and instructive; and, as a friend, he was steadfast and loyal.

Edward L. Steele, the second son in the family, received his education in part at the Hartford Public High School, graduating therefrom in 1890; in part at the Wesleyan University, graduating therefrom in 1894; and completed his professional studies at Yale Law School, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. He then practiced his profession along with his father, and since the latter's death has been alone. On July 12, 1898, he married Julia Simonds, of Hartford, daughter of Stillman A. Simonds, and one child, Richard T., has blessed this union. In politics Edward L.

Steele is a Republican, and for two terms of two years each he served in the common council of Hartford. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

SETH TALCOTT (deceased), for many years one of the leading and popular citizens of Hartford, was born in West Hartford Nov. 4, 1830.

Mr. Talcott was able to trace his ancestry back to John and Dorothy (Mott) Talcott, the latter a daughter of Thomas and Alice (Mead) Mott. John Talcott died in 1660, his wife in 1669. (II) Samuel Talcott, the next in direct descent to our subject, was born in 1635, and died in 1691. He married Hannah Holyoke, who died in 1677. (III) Benjamin Talcott, born in 1674, died in 1729. He married Sarah Hollister, who was born in 1676, and died in 1715. (IV) Capt. Samuel Talcott, born in 1708, died in 1768. He married Hannah Mosely, who was born in 1710, and died in 1800. (V) Samuel Talcott, born in 1738, died in 1780. He married Mary Smith. (VI) Samuel Talcott, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1765, and died in 1854. He married Abigail Pantry Hooker, who was born in 1770, a daughter of Thomas Hart and Sarah (Whitman) Hooker. (VII) Seth Talcott, the father of our subject, was born in 1810, and died in 1846. Samuel Talcott (VI) wore a queue and knee breeches. By occupation both Samuel (VI) and Seth (VII) were cloth dyers and fullers. Seth married Charlotte S. Butler, who was born in 1804, a daughter of James and Irene (Ensign) Butler, and died in 1875.

(VIII) Seth Talcott, whose name introduces this sketch, began his education in the schools of West Hartford, and later attended Yale College. His early business training was obtained while clerking in the drug store of Harvey Seymour, and on attaining his majority he started a retail and wholesale drug store of his own, where the Hills block, Hartford, now stands. He continued in the wholesale business up to the time of his death, originally in his own name, later as a member of the firm of Talcott Brothers, and finally Talcott, Frisbie & Co. His son, Charles Hooker Talcott, is now a member of the firm. Mr. Talcott was a man of scholarly and refined tastes, was conscientious and straightforward in all that he did, and no man in the community was held in higher regard or had more warm friends. He was a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, and his life was in perfect harmony with his professions. He passed away April 16, 1894.

At Long Meadow, Mass., July 13, 1865, Mr. Talcott married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Allen, a daughter of Brinton Paine and Ann Elizabeth (Turpin) Allen. She is also a representative of an old New England family, being a descendant of Samuel Allen (probably a brother of Matthew Allen or Allyn), who was born in 1588, and died in 1648. (II) John Allen, the next in direct line, wedded Mary Hannum, and was killed at Deerfield in 1675, during the Pequot war. (III) Samuel Allen, born in 1673, in 1700 married Hannah Burroughs, who was born in 1675, and died in 17—, and his death occurred in 1735. (IV) Joseph Allen, born in 1704, married Mary Hewlett in 1723; she died in 1782, and his death occurred in 1777. (V) Hezekiah Allen, born in 1739, married Abigail Bartlett in 1768; she died in 1825, and he in 1807. (VI) Hezekiah Allen, born in 1777, died in 1846. He married Nancy Paine, who was born in 1780, and died in 1843. (VII) Brinton Paine Allen, the father of Mrs. Talcott, was born in 1816, and died in 1879. He married Ann Elizabeth Turpin, who was born in 1819, and died in 1898.

To Mr. and Mrs. Talcott were born three sons: Allen Butler; Charles Hooker, who married Mary Dudley Vaill, and has two children, Seth and Dudley Vaill; and Edward Coleman, a resident of New York City.

ALVIN SQUIRES (deceased) will be remembered among the business men of Hartford as one of the oldest and most successful merchants in his line, and one who, throughout life, maintained a high reputation, in both commercial and private life.

Born March 10, 1821, in Berlin, this county, Mr. Squires was a son of Amos Squires. The first few years of his life were passed in his native place, but he was "bound out" at an early age. When a young man he commenced boating, running to Sag Harbor, and was thus engaged for thirteen years, becoming pilot, and during the early part of the Civil war acting as captain. It was in 1863 that he first entered the market business, being with J. N. B. Stevens a short time, in a store on Market street, Hartford, where Rogers Bros.' establishment is now located. He was then in business alone for a time on Main street, on the site now occupied by Mr. McManus, and in 1870 established the "Putnam Phalanx Market," which he conducted until his death. His patronage increased constantly, and in 1880 he took his son Elisha into partnership. They dealt in meats and vegetables, and did the largest business in their line, among the best class of people, in the city, and at the time of his death Mr. Squires was one of the oldest market men in Hartford. The business had grown to such proportions that ten men were employed.

Mr. Squires was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: Elisha; Charles; and Mary E. Benham, widow of James L. Benham. In 1865 our subject married Miss Ella L. Stratton, who survives him. Mr. Squires was connected with the old volunteer fire department for a number of years during his younger manhood. He was prominently identified with the Putnam Phalanx, of which he was the oldest surviving member at the time of his death. He served two years as major in that organization, and many years as quartermaster, and the members attended the funeral in a body. There were many other evidences of the respect and es-

teem in which he was held by his fellow citizens. Mr. Squires was a Democrat in politics, and during the seventies served two terms as alderman. He died Feb. 8, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Mrs. Ella L. Squires is a native of Windsor, Conn. Her grandfather, Julius Stratton, was a native of Simsbury, where he spent his entire life, engaged in farming. Morgan Stratton, her father, was also born in Simsbury, and was a farmer by occupation. He moved to Windsor, and thence to Hartford, where he held the responsible position of superintendent of out-of-door work at Colt's for thirty years. He died in 1890, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Stratton married Amelia Cook, a native of Bloomfield, this county, who passed away at the age of seventy years, and by whom he had nine children. They attended the Congregational Church, and Mrs. Squires is a member of the Center Congregational Church in Hartford. She now makes her home with her sister Isadore, who is the wife of Charles Burr, at No. 16 Linden Place, Hartford.

Elisha Squires, son of our subject, is a well-known citizen of Hartford. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the Baptist Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. Mrs. Benham is a member of the Fourth Church.

HENRY HERMAN CLARK has for almost half a century been identified with the business interests of Southington as a member of the firm of Clark Bros. & Co., manufacturers of bolts and carriage hardware at Milldale, and he is justly numbered among the leading citizens of the town. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Clark was born in Southington May 14, 1829, a son of Theodosius and Chloe (Clark) Clark. On the paternal side he traces his ancestry back to James Clark, originally from England, who located in New Haven in 1638, and was one of the company consisting of Gov. Eaton and others who met in a Mr. Newman's barn June 4, 1639, to form a civil compact. In 1669 he removed to Stratford, Conn. His son, Ebenezer Clark, the first of the family to locate in Wallingford, was born Nov. 29, 1651, and was married May 6, 1678, to Sarah, daughter of James Peck. Their son, Stephen Clark, born Dec. 7, 1721, married Lydia (or Ruth) Hotchkiss, and died Nov. 4, 1800. He was the father of Amasa Clark, who was born Nov. 25, 1753, and was married Dec. 28, 1785, to Lydia Hull, daughter of Deacon Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire. He engaged in farming in Cheshire, and died Dec. 30 1833. Their son, Theodosius Clark, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire Oct. 22, 1788, and spent his early life on a farm. At the age of eighteen years he commenced teaching in a district school in his native town, and in 1810 he came to Southington to teach in the Plantsville District. In 1811 and 1812 he taught at what is now Plainville, and in Farmington in 1813 and 1814, while for several years following he taught in the districts in the southern part of Southington. In 1824 he was a teacher in the South End District. This was the first year that grammar was taught in the town, the school commissioners requiring it. Mr. Clark was entirely ignorant of grammar, but he took the study in hand, and with much labor was enabled to carry his class through the book. In connection with teaching he also followed farming. He took an active part in building the old Farmington canal, since abandoned by building the New Haven & Northampton railroad on the same line, and he was commissary at Suffield in the seasons of 1826 and 1827, during the construction of the canal around Enfield Falls for the Water Power Co. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1819 he united with the First Congregational Church of Southington, in 1834 was elected deacon, which office he filled until his death, and was also superintendent of the Sabbath-school for some years. He died July 27, 1865, honored and respected by all who knew him. On Oct. 26, 1816, he married Chloe Clark, who passed away April 5, 1848. Their children were Harriet, wife of Hezekiah Cummings; Francis J.; William J.; Henry H.; and Charles H.

Seth Clark, our subject's maternal grandfather, was born in Middletown, Conn., July 11, 1768, and was married Nov. 16, 1789, to Chloe Bailey, who was born in Haddam, Conn., Feb. 19, 1771, a daughter of Benjamin Bailey, of that place. Soon after their marriage Seth Clark and wife removed to Southington, where she died July 17, 1834, and he passed away Jan. 27, 1851. His father, Joseph Clark, was born Sept. 15, 1720, and died in Middletown Aug. 22, 1778. On June 2, 1752, he married Joanna Fairchild, who was born Sept. 21, 1727, and died Nov. 26, 1793. Joseph Clark was a business man in his day, and carried on shipping. He lost three vessels in one great storm. He was chosen to the office of town clerk in Middletown, which office he filled for many succeeding years, until his death.

Henry H. Clark, our subject, is indebted to the public schools of his native town and Lewis Academy for his educational privileges. In 1845 he embarked in mercantile business at Milldale, where he remained for three years, and then removed to Watertown, Conn., where he carried on business along the same line (succeeding his brother-in-law, Mr. Cummings) until 1854, when he returned to Milldale, becoming a member of the firm of Wm. J. Clark & Co., which in 1871, when the senior member of the firm retired, was changed to Clark Bros. & Co., he becoming senior member of the new firm, and under that style the business is still carried on. Theirs is one of the leading industries of the town, and as business men the brothers have won an enviable reputation for straightforward, honorable dealing, and have kept

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business steadily and constantly moving through good and bad times, also adding and increasing as occasion offered and required.

Mr. Clark has been twice married. His first marriage was Sept. 29, 1852, to Miss Mary C. Davis, a daughter of Anthony and Helen (Stone) Davis, of Watertown, Conn. She died in August, 1860. By that union were born four children: Charles W.; Carrie Luella, wife of Edson W. Frost; and Helen and Flora, both of whom died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Clark married Jan. 29, 1874, Miss Susie Curtiss, a daughter of Charles and Eliza (Decker) Curtiss, of New York City, and to them has been born one daughter, Flora L. Politically Mr. Clark is an ardent Republican. In religious faith he is a consistent and faithful member of the Plantsville Congregational Church. He was one of the original members that united in the organization of this church in 1864, and has always been one of its number of liberal contributors for financial support and charities.

GENERAL JULIUS S. GILMAN, of Hartford, now practically retired from business life, is one of the city's citizen soldiers whose interest in the organizations growing out of the Civil war has never waned, nor his zeal and energy abated in the least in the direction of keeping alive the endearing memories and associations that cluster about the camp and field of 1861-65.

Gen. Gilman has descended from a sturdy New England ancestry, from a family from which have gone out into the country men of prominence in the various walks of life. The General is a descendant in the seventh generation from Richard Gilman who was made a freeman in Hartford in 1672; bought land in East Hartford in 1676; married Elizabeth Adkins, and died in 1697.

The line of Gen. Gilman's descent from this Richard Gilman is through Solomon, Josiah, Levi, Oliver and Julius Gilman. (II) Solomon Gilman, born in 1676, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Kilburn; died Aug 8, 1732. (III) Josiah Gilman, born in 1719, married Lucy, daughter of Benjamin Colt; he died Oct. 13, 1796, she on April 27, 1795. (IV) Levi Gilman married Achsol, daughter of William and Elizabeth Williams. (V) Oliver Gilman married Chloe, daughter of Jonathan and Lurania Bemont; he died Nov. 7, 1833, she Dec. 12, 1808.

(VI) Julius Gilman, the father of Gen. Gilman of this sketch, was born Aug. 13, 1799, in the town of East Hartford, and in early life learned the trade of book-binding in Hartford, in which city for years he conducted a book-bindery on the site of the present Ætna Life Insurance building on Main street. Later, owing to ill health, he gave up this business and returned to the occupation of his boyhood, that of farming. He was a model farmer, and his neat and fine buildings with his carefully cultivated fields in Charter Oak Hill, where he owned a large body of land, are still remembered by many of the citizens of Hartford. He operated considerably in real estate, and was remarkably successful in his business transactions. Mr. Gilman married, Oct. 25, 1824, Eliza, daughter of Phineas and Mary (Webster) Shepard, and to them were born children as follows: Judge George S., now deceased, a sketch of whom appears farther on; Charles, deceased; Henry M., now deceased, formerly a merchant of Detroit, Mich.; Gen. Julius S., of this sketch; Elizabeth; Frederick G.; Mary, wife of J. H. Knight, president of the First National Bank of Hartford; and two who died in infancy. The father of these children died March 20, 1886, and the mother on Feb. 2, 1884.

Gen. Julius S. Gilman, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in 1833, on the farm of his father on Charter Oak Hill, where his boyhood was passed, receiving his education in the schools of Hartford. At the age of fifteen he went to New York, and until twenty-one years of age was in the employ of Daniel Burgess & Co., and A. S. Barnes & Co., respectively, of that city. When of age young Gilman engaged in the subscription-book publishing business at No. 32 Beekman street. On the call of President Lincoln, Aug. 4, 1862, for volunteers to serve for nine months, Mr. Gilman left his business, went to Hartford, Conn., and in two days enlisted a company of one hundred men, which company was incorporated into the first nine-months regiment, designated as the 22d. He was appointed quartermaster of the rendezvous at Hartford, then designated as Camp Halleck, and when the 22d went to the front he went as its quartermaster. After six months' faithful service in the field he was promoted to brigade quartermaster, and while serving in that position he was strongly urged by prominent army officers to allow his name to be sent to the President for a staff position in the quartermaster's department of the army. After the expiration of the term of the service of the command he returned to Hartford with his regiment, and was immediately appointed assistant quartermaster-general on Gov. Buckingham's staff, the latter being Connecticut's war governor, and for a period of two years served actively and ably. After the close of the war, on the election of Gen. (now Senator) Joseph R. Hawley to the gubernatorial chair of the State, Gen. Gilman was appointed quartermaster-general on the Governor's staff. On returning to civil life, Gen. Gilman became the manager at Chicago for the D. D. Mallory Oyster and Packing Co., of Baltimore, and remained as such some four years, at the end of which time, on account of the impaired health of his wife, he returned to Hartford. Here he bought out Mr. Worthington's interest in the subscription-book publishing business of Worthington & Dustin, the firm name becoming Dustin & Gilman. After five years Gen. Gilman retired from this, and embarked in the oil-stove business in Hartford, being the pioneer here in that line of trade. Subsequently he removed to New York, and engaged in the whole-

sale and retail stove business, but on account of ill health after a time he retired from active business.

Gen. Gilman has ever taken a deep interest in military affairs. He is one of the original members of the first G. A. R. post organized in Hartford, is a member of the Twenty-second Regiment Veteran Association; and a member of the Army and Navy Club, in all of which he has been a conspicuous figure. For several years past he has been the vice-president of the Campfield Monument Association, whose labors have resulted in securing the old campfield and rendezvous at Hartford, made historic during the Civil war as the camping place and mustering-in point of many of Hartford's citizen soldiers, and have erected thereon a beautiful monument on which are inscribed the names of the regiments that were mustered into the United States service, and crowned its pedestal with a portrait statute in bronze of one of Connecticut's typical volunteers, whose military history was linked with this field—that of Gen. Griffin A. Stedman, whose sketch appears. From start to finish in this noble work of the Campfield Association Gen. Gilman was active and zealous, giving freely without recompense his time and energies, without which its end might never have been accomplished. It was he who was instrumental in securing the donation of the land, with him originated the idea of a statue, and it was largely through his efforts that the project was pushed to completion; and on the occasion of the dedication of the Campfield Monument, Oct. 4, 1900, Gen. Gilman was one of the conspicuous group of the old veterans present whose acts and deeds of upward of thirty-five years ago made the ground historic and the event possible.

On June 16, 1864, Gen. Gilman was married to Miss Mary W., daughter of Norman H. Gillette, and a native of Hartford. She died Jan. 22, 1901.

On his mother's side Gen. Gilman is a descendant in the eighth generation from Edward Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass., the line of his descent being through Sergeant John, Thomas, Thomas (2), Thomas (3), Phineas and Eliza Shepard. (II) Sergeant John Shepard, son of Edward of Cambridge, born in 1649, married Rebecca Greenhill, and died in 1689. (III) Thomas Shepard, son of Sergeant John, born in 1666, married Susannah Scott. (IV) Thomas Shepard (2), son of Thomas, born in 1697, married Mary Eggleston, and died in 1775. (V) Thomas Shepard (3), son of Thomas (2), born in 1730, married Mary Kellogg, and died in 1819. (VI) Phineas Shepard, son of Thomas (3), born in 1766, married Mary Webster, a direct descendant of Gov. Webster. (VII) Eliza Shepard, daughter of Phineas, born in 1800, married, in 1824, Julius Gilman.

JUDGE GEORGE S. GILMAN, whose death occurred in his home in Hartford Oct. 14, 1886, was one of the city's substantial men and prominent citizens.

Born Dec. 20, 1825, in Hartford, son of Julius and Eliza (Shepard) Gilman, Judge Gilman was a representative of a sturdy New England ancestry, among whom were men and women of prominence and usefulness in the various walks of life. On his father's side he was a descendant in the seventh generation from Richard Gilman, who was made a freeman in Hartford in 1672; and on his mother's side he was a descendant in the eighth generation from Edward Shepard, one of the early emigrants to Cambridge in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. He was also a descendant in direct line from Gov. Webster. The ancestral line of our subject, together with a sketch of the late Julius Gilman, his father, is set forth in the sketch of Gen. Julius S. Gilman, a brother to the Judge.

Judge Gilman was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1847, with very high honors, being the salutatorian of his class, and a close competitor for the valedictory with the afterward Bishop Benjamin Paddock. Young Gilman studied law with the late Hon. Lucius F. Robinson, and was an office companion of his, also subsequently for many years of the late Hon. Henry C. Robinson. He became one of the earliest judges of the police court, an incumbency he held during 1860. For several years he was prosecuting attorney for the city of Hartford. He also served for a time in both the common council and on the board of aldermen, and was at one time clerk of the board of education. Judge Gilman retired from the Bar to take charge of an important field in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance soliciting business, in which company he became a director and retained his interest in and devotion to up to the time of his last sickness. While in college young Gilman was a member of the Beta Beta Society, and served as its president, which society was subsequently admitted into the Psi Upsilon fraternity. In 1850 the faculty of Trinity College conferred upon him the degree of A. M. At the time of his death he was a member of the Webster Historical Society of Boston.

Judge Gilman was a man of strong and sterling qualities. A better son, husband, father, brother and friend than he was it would be hard to find. He was possessed of the firmest convictions at the same time of the kindliest considerations. He conceded to others the same right of opinion that he asked for himself. Always an active member of the old Whig party, he regularly refused to be a candidate for office, although frequently urged to do so, and aside from some such service as alderman, or police court judge, he was not at any time selected for political office, excepting in connection with his profession. Benevolent at all times, many persons in poverty and distress were relieved by his timely assistance. He was a devout member of the South Church, and an enthusiastic admirer of its distinguished pastor, and of all its service. His home life was most delightful; he was very social, was fond of out-door life, was a skillful driver, and an excellent angler, while his home blossomed with

eautiful wild flowers gathered in the drives which, ccompanied by his family, he regularly took. He was always a strong Hartford man, devoted to the material, educational, benevolent, social and religious interests of the city. His local attachments were strong, and to the last he loved to linger at he old homestead on Charter Oak Hill, where his good father and mother lived to a ripe old age and passed away, not a great while before his own demise.

On Oct. 12, 1865, Judge Gilman was married, n Hartford, to Ellen M., daughter of the late saac and Eliza Hills. He left surviving him: ieorge H., born Oct. 13, 1866, and Julia E., born Nov. 22, 1873.

George Hills Gilman, the son, was born, reared nd received his primary education in Hartford, graduating from the Hartford high school. He then ntered Yale College, from which he was graduated n the class of 1890. After this event he began the tudy of law with the firm of Hyde & Joslyn, of Hartford, was admitted to the Bar in July, 1893, nd became associated in the practice of law with his preceptors under the firm name of Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman, which firm was afterward changed to Hungerford, Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman, and is one of he strong law firms of Hartford. On April 20, 1898, George Hills Gilman was married to Miss Mabel E., daughter of E. S. Goodrich, of Hartford.

GOODWIN. The record of the Hartford family of Goodwins for more than 250 years is an honorable one, a record of which any family might be proud. James Junius and Rev. Francis Goodwin, brothers, sons of the late Major James Goodwin, of Hartford, prominent citizens of that city, are lineal descendants of Ozias Goodwin, who either accompanied or came soon after the emigrants who sailed from England in the "Lion," which arrived at Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1832. The children of Major James Goodwin are in the seventh generation from Ozias Goodwin, the emigrant, the line of their descent being through Nathaniel, Ozias (2), Jonathan, James, and Major James.

(I) Ozias Goodwin, the head of the Connecticut family of that name, married Mary, daughter of Robert Woodward, of Braintree, England. In 1639 he had become a resident of Hartford, Conn. He died before April, 1683, leaving the following children: William, Nathaniel and Hannah.

(II) Nathaniel Goodwin, son of Ozias, born about 1637, was admitted a freeman by the General Court of Connecticut in October, 1662, and was one of the "townsmen" of Hartford in 1669-78-82. He married Sarah Coles, daughter of John and Hannah Coles, of Hatfield, Mass., formerly of Farmington, Conn. Sarah (Coles) Goodwin died May 8, 1676, and Nathaniel Goodwin married (second) Elizabeth Pratt, daughter of Daniel Pratt, of Hartford. His children by the first marriage were Nathaniel, Sarah and John; and those by the second were Samuel, Hannah, Ozias and Elizabeth.

(III) Ozias Goodwin (2), son of Nathaniel, was born June 20, 1689, in Hartford; married June 6, 1723, Martha Williamson, born Feb. 13, 1700, daughter of Capt. Caleb and Mary (Cobb) Williamson, of Barnstable, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., and a descendant of Timothy Williamson, a resident of Marshfield, Mass., in 1649. Ozias Goodwin inherited from his father the homestead on Village street, which remained in his possession until 1764. He was honored by his townsmen with various public offices, viz.: Hayward, in 1714-17-34-35-39; fence-viewer, 1720 and 1724; grand juror, 1727-31-42-50; and selectman, 1738 and 1746. He was elected deacon of the First Church Jan. 1, 1756, holding that office until his death, on Jan. 26, 1776. His widow, Martha (Williamson) Goodwin, died Feb. 8, 1777. Their children were: Ozias, Timothy, Ozias (2), Nathaniel and Jonathan.

(IV) Jonathan Goodwin, son of Ozias (2), was born in Hartford, where he was baptized March 17, 1733-34. He married Nov. 26, 1761, Eunice Olcott, born Oct. 3, 1736, daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Collier) Olcott, of Hartford, and a descendant of Thomas Olcott, one of the original settlers of the town. He was corporal of the Hartford train-band, which for a time performed escort duty to the governor. He owned a tract of land on the north side of Albany road, about one and one-quarter miles from the center of the city, which is still in the possession of his descendants. He was a man of large frame, of good height, and commanding presence. He died Sept. 2, 1811. His wife, Eunice (Olcott) Goodwin, died March 23, 1807. Their children were: Eunice, Jerusha and James.

(V) James Goodwin, son of Jonathan, was born Dec. 27, 1777, in Hartford. He married, in Wintonbury (now Bloomfield), Conn., March 3, 1799, Eunice Roberts, born in Wintonbury Aug. 22, 1774, daughter of Capt. Lemuel and Ruth (Woodford) Roberts, and a descendant of John Roberts, who in 1688 became a resident of Simsbury, Conn. James Goodwin inherited from his father the property on the Albany road, and spent his whole life after 1783 (when his father moved to it) on the homestead. He was first lieutenant of the 1st Company, Governor's Foot Guard, in 1807, and became captain thereof in 1809. He was the tallest of the family, standing over six feet, and weighing over 200 pounds. He died Sept. 13, 1844. His wife, Eunice (Roberts) Goodwin, died Aug. 13, 1825. Their children were: Jonathan, James and Mary J.

(VI) MAJOR JAMES GOODWIN, whose death occurred suddenly, while in a street car in Hartford, on March 15, 1878, was born March 2, 1803, on Albany avenue (the old "Albany turnpike"), at the house of his father, James Goodwin, which was known for many years as "Goodwin's Tavern," and which was a stopping-place for the Western

stages. His first move after leaving home was to take a place in "Morgan's Tavern," on State street, Hartford. Joseph Morgan, who kept the hotel, was the father of Junius S. Morgan, the famous London banker. "Morgan's Tavern" was the stopping-place of the New York and Boston stages, and a great resort of business men. At this place young Mr. Goodwin became familiar with the stage business. He soon was made the agent, and eventually became the proprietor, of the great stage line. He was a remarkable organizer, and it is mentioned as an instance of his ability in this respect that the carrying of President Jackson's first message through to Boston from New York —long talked of as a very remarkable performance in rapid transit—was all arranged by him and done by his expresses. He often himself, when especially important matters were to be pushed through, drove these expresses, and he told a friend within a few days of his death that he had frequently driven from Hartford to Harlem river in one day, upon an open sulky with no back to it. Until some little time prior to his death his health had been excellent. He had mail contracts on his lines, of course, and many others. Chester W. Chapin, of Springfield, was similarly engaged, but both saw early the coming power of railroads, and abandoned stages between 1835 and 1840. From that time on Mr. Goodwin devoted himself more, perhaps, to insurance than to any other form of business. He was a busy man. He was president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., and a director in the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Connecticut Trust Co., Hartford Carpet Co., Gatling Gun Co. (of which he was vice-president), Collins Co., Connecticut River Co., Hartford & Wethersfield Horse Railroad Co., and Holyoke Water Power Co., and was a large holder of stocks in various other successful corporations in whose direction he did not take part. He was also vice-president of the Hartford Hospital, and assisted almost all the local charitable organizations. Mr. Goodwin perhaps gave more of his time to the Connecticut Mutual than to any other company. He joined it early, became its president, retired to give place to the late Dr. Guy R. Phelps, and upon the demise of the latter was induced to resume the office, which he held until his death. The companies named indicate the character of a large part of his investments. He was a large owner of real estate, but was never inclined to western speculations, and was the largest tax-payer in Hartford.

Mr. Goodwin was blessed by nature with an even temper, a sound, well-balanced mind, a strong sense of justice, and an excellent judgment. A friend and business associate who had known him for forty years said at the time of his death: "I never saw him cross; I never heard him speak a harsh word." Had he but used "thee" and "thou" in his conversation he would have quite perfectly resembled some of the sagacious old Friends who have been such successful business men in Philadelphia. He avoided all controversy. If a business proposition was made to him (and countless propositions were made, of course) that did not entirely suit, he would not debate and controvert, he would avoid and desert it. He was a regular attendant at Christ Church, always one of its strong supporters, and for a long time one of its vestrymen. The familiar title of "Major" he bore from the time he was for several years the commandant of the Governor's Horse Guard.

On July 30, 1832, Major Goodwin was married to Lucy Morgan, born at the Morgan homestead, in West Springfield, Mass., Feb. 4, 1811, daughter of Joseph and Sally (Spencer) Morgan. She died Sept. 19, 1890, after a life of great usefulness. She was a lifelong communicant of Christ Church, and prominent in all its charitable work and agencies. "She was in her community a conspicuous center of its highest influences. Her life stands as an ideal life of Christian gentlewomen." The children of this marriage were:

(1) Sarah Morgan Goodwin, born in 1833, died in 1834.

(2) James Junius Goodwin was born Sept. 16, 1835, and received his elementary education in private schools and at the high school of Hartford. He began his business training in 1851, in Hartford, remaining there employed until 1857, when he went abroad, and passed one and one-half years in study and travel. From 1859 to 1861 he was with William A. Sale & Co., East India and China shipping merchants of New York. In September, 1861, he became a partner of his cousin, J. Pierpont Morgan, who in the spring of that year had established himself in the foreign banking business as New York agent of his father, Junius S. Morgan, London firm George Peabody & Co. This partnership continued in the succeeding firm, Dabney, Morgan & Co., until the latter was dissolved, and the business merged into that of Drexel, Morgan & Co., July 1, 1871. Since that time Mr. Goodwin has remained out of active business for himself. Since the death of his father, in 1878, he has, with his brother, had charge of his father's estate. He occupies many positions of trust and responsibility, being a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. and other companies that center in Hartford. He has not severed his connection with interests in New York or his residence there. He has been a director of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad since its reorganization in 1878. He was a vestryman in Calvary Church, New York City, in 1870-72-77-89, and has been warden since 1889.

On June 19, 1873, Mr. Goodwin was married, in Philadelphia, to Josephine Sarah Lippincott, born in Philadelphia Dec. 31, 1850, the only daughter of Joshua Ballanger and Josephine (Craige) Lippincott, and a descendant of Richard Lippincott, a resident of Massachusetts in 1640, and in 1665 one of the patentees of the first English set-

tlement of New Jersey. They have had children as follows: Walter L., born Sept. 3, 1875; Harold, who died in infancy; James L., born Oct. 10, 1881; and Philip L., born March 14, 1885.

(3) Sarah Morgan Goodwin (2), born Sept. 25, 1837, married William R. Brounell.

(4) REV. FRANCIS GOODWIN was born Sept. 25, 1839. He received his elementary education in the public schools and high school of Hartford, and at fifteen entered the employ of Howe, Mather & Co., dry-goods merchants of Hartford, with whom he remained two years. He was next with Morton & Grinnell, of New York, until May, 1857. He then studied for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under private instructors at first, and in October, 1860, entered Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, completing the course of study there in May, 1863. He was ordained deacon in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, by Right Rev. John W. Williams, D. D., bishop of the diocese. The following month he was appointed chaplain to the bishop, and placed in charge of the missions at Durham, North Guilford, North Killingworth and Ponset, with residence at Middletown. In July, 1863, he received from Trinity College the degree of M. A., and on Dec. 19 was ordained priest by Bishop Williams. He was elected rector of Trinity Church, Hartford, May 14, 1865, and resigned in November, 1871. From April, 1874, to May, 1875, he was in charge of Trinity Church, Wethersfield, and from November, 1876, to January, 1877, he was in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hartford. At the division of the Archdeaconries, in 1878, he was elected the first archdeacon of Hartford, which position he resigned in February, 1888. Rev. Mr. Goodwin has given much time and study to architecture. He made the designs of his father's residence on Woodland street, and personally superintended its construction. Since the death of his father, in 1878, he and his brother have had the management of his father's estate. He gives much of his time to church work, and to institutions of a benevolent or charitable public purpose. Since 1875 Mr. Goodwin has been a trustee of the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown; president of the trustees of the bishop's fund; since 1884 a trustee of Trinity College, Hartford; since 1875 a trustee of the Watkinson Library of Reference; since 1877 a trustee, and since 1879 president, of the Watkinson Farm School and Juvenile Asylum; from 1879 to 1880 a member of the board of street commissioners of Hartford; since 1881 a member of the board of park commissioners; since 1887 a member of the board of school visitors; since 1881 a director of the Retreat for the Insane; from 1886 until 1890 vice-president, then president, of Wadsworth Athenæum, Hartford; and president of the Keney Park trustees.

On June 3, 1863, Rev. Mr. Goodwin was married to Mary Alsop Jackson, born in Middletown, Conn., July 14, 1842, second daughter of Commodore Charles Jackson, of the United States navy, and Martha Lawrence (Willard) Jackson, and a descendant of Edward Jackson, a resident of Newtown, Mass., in 1643. The following named children have been born of this marriage: James, Feb. 10, 1865; William B., Oct. 7, 1866; Sarah, May 7, 1868; Alice F., May 30, 1871; Lucy M., Jan. 11, 1873 (died May 9, 1884); Charles A., Nov. 18, 1876; Francis, Oct. 19, 1878; and Jeanette, July 2, 1884.

(5) Lucy Goodwin, born in 1841, died in 1844.

(6) Mary Goodwin, born April 9, 1846, died Oct. 28, 1880.

(7) Walter Goodwin, born Oct. 29, 1851, died July 22, 1853.

HON. GEORGE KELLOGG (deceased). The Kelloggs have dwelt in Connecticut from the early settlement of New England. For nearly one hundred and fifty years that branch of the family to which our subject belongs has resided in Tolland county, and along the line of his descent have been men of letters, business sagacity, prominence and great usefulness in their several walks of life, none, however, standing on a higher, broader and nobler plane than him whose name introduces this article.

There lived at Norwalk, Conn., in 1665, one Daniel Kellogg, the Connecticut ancestor of the Tolland county family. He was a selectman of the town in 1670, was twice married, marrying (second) in 1665 Bridget, daughter of John Bouton, a French Protestant. From this ancestor our subject was a descendant in the sixth generation, his line being through Daniel Kellogg (2), Daniel (3), Rev. Ebenezer and Ebenezer.

(II) Daniel Kellogg (2), son of Daniel Kellogg, of Norwalk, Conn., born in 1671, married and lived in that town. He died in about 1709.

(III) Daniel Kellogg (3), son of Daniel Kellogg (2), born in 1699, married in 1724 Eunice Jarvis, of Huntington, L. I., who died in 1767.

(IV) Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, son of Daniel Kellogg (3), born April 5, 1737, in Norwalk, Conn., married Oct. 20, 1756, Hannah, daughter of Rev. Ebenezer and Hannah (Allyn) Wright, of Stamford, Conn. Rev. Mr. Kellogg was graduated from Yale College in 1757. He was ordained pastor of the church at North Bolton (later Vernon), Conn., in 1762, and died there Sept. 3, 1817, aged eighty years, and in the fifty-fifth year of his ministry, his wife passing away June 7, 1807, aged sixty-seven years. They had six children.

(V) Ebenezer Kellogg, son of Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, and the father of our subject, was born Oct. 21, 1764, in Tolland county, Conn. He married (first) Abigail, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Pitkin) Olmsted, of East Hartford. She died in 1797, and he married (second) Hannah, daughter of Ashbel and Hannah Olmsted, and (third) Elizabeth Sheldon. He had a large family of children, among whom, of the sons, were:

(1) Ebenezer, born Oct. 25, 1789, was graduated from Yale College in 1810, pursued his theological studies at Andover, Mass., and in 1815 received appointment to the professorship of languages in Williams College, a position he resigned on account of ill health in 1844, after a period of twenty-nine years of service. In 1820 he married Susan Coit, of New London. His death occurred Oct. 2, 1846.

(2) Martin, born Nov. 6, 1791, died at New London, while in the service of his country, Oct. 1, 1814.

(3) George, born March 3, 1793, is mentioned below.

(4) Allyn, born Aug. 17, 1794, was a farmer in Vernon.

(5) Nathaniel, born Feb. 26, 1796, was a manufacturer in Vernon, where he died May 13, 1854. He was a representative from his town in the State Legislature, and also from his district in the Senate.

The late George Kellogg, of Rockville, son of Ebenezer Kellogg, was born March 3, 1793, in the town of Vernon, Tolland Co., Conn., and remained on the farm with his father until after the latter's death, in 1812. He received a common-school education, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, but he afterward concluded other occupations preferable, owing to his health. In company with others, among them Col. Francis McLean, Mr. Kellogg built a mill for the manufacture of woolen goods. This enterprise was incorporated by charter in 1828, as the Rock Manufacturing Co., and for the following decade Mr. Kellogg was the agent of the company, having charge of its most important affairs. In 1837 Mr. Kellogg, Allen Hammond, and others, built the mill of the New England Co. at Rockville, and for some years Mr. Kellogg was the agent of that company. Again, from 1846 until late in life, when released from the arduous duties of the business by his associates, Mr. Kellogg was the agent of the Rock Co. For a half century he led a very busy and useful life at Rockville, and is sometimes referred to as the founder of that manufacturing center.

Politically Mr. Kellogg was a Republican. He was sent to the Legislature from the town of Vernon in 1857, and again in 1865, and the following year (1866) represented the district in the Senate. He became a member of the church at Vernon in 1814, and later for several years was one of the church committee. In 1827 he had been chosen one of the deacons, but declined to serve. In 1837 he became one of the constitutional members of the First Congregational Church at Rockville, and was chosen one of its earliest deacons, an office he held by annual election until, in 1849, he left to aid in the formation of the Second Congregational Church in that village; he was a deacon in that church from that time on until called to his reward. From 1855 to 1870 he was identified with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. On Jan. 1, 1817, Mr. Kellogg was married to Eliza Noble, and to them were born: Ebenezer N., Eliza, Harriet, George, and Edward.

Our subject died Aug. 8, 1870. In the following extract, from a sermon preached at the time is given a good conception of the character of Mr. Kellogg, and of his great usefulness: "As a business man of liberal views, keen enterprise, sterling integrity and clear insight, and all consecrated to weal of man and the glory of God, we have occasion to thank God for him, and shall have so long as a tradition of his theories obtains in the management of our business affairs. Of his devotion to the general, social and moral interests of the place, too much can hardly be said. Could he have controlled it, he would have kept out of employ here every bad man or bad class of men. Could he have settled it, every right moral principle should have been supreme among us. Of the position of our friend as a citizen, I need but say that he loved his town, State and country, was loyal to their every interest; that he was an earnest advocate of the rights of all men—a Republican to the core of him, and aways foremost in promoting what he religiously believed to be the best interests of his country and mankind in the success of that party. That he had very much to do with the political complexion of this town and country, I suppose no one will question. Of the kindness of our friend's great heart many here know that of the poor, and sick, and helpless, and widowed, he was the constant, sympathizing, open-handed friend. Many a sufferer has been touched and comforted by his liberal sympathy. He was more than the employer of those who labored for him. He was as well a cordial friend and sympathizer, and a wise and ready adviser. As a Christian in all external activities he was abounding and unwearied. He felt that the support of the church and its ordinances in their best efficiency was a first lien upon all he had, and he constantly endeavored to conscientiously discharge it. I do not believe he ever refused to give, to the last penny, what he fairly thought he ought to give, to any call of the needs of that church, whether for its Sunday-school, its ordinary expenses, or its extraordinary, its arrears, or its prospective efficiency. I know that he has often, especially in the eastern history of the church, borrowed to give to it, and gave very often to the farthest limit his conscience would admit, in burdening himself for its weal and thrift. The same conscientious and careful giving was illustrated in his benefactions to all the grand objects of Christian beneficence. He meant to have a stake, and as large a one as Christian prudence would permit him, in every enterprise for the establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and round the world. This man of great physique, hardy and much enduring; of strong, clear and comprehensive mental faculty; of great and sound moral quality; of vast energy and tremendous will; of quick sensibilities and most kindly affection; of

excellent social fiber, genial, humorous, helpful; this man, full of devotion to the pecuniary, social, educational, moral, political and religious interests of this Church, this village and the world, has fallen—nay, has risen, with redeemed powers, to spheres full of splendid opportunities for a glorious career, which I doubt not he will be even more glorious achieving."

EBENEZER N. KELLOGG, eldest son of George Kellogg, was born Nov. 2, 1817, in Vernon, Tolland county, and there spent his boyhood. His education was acquired at various places, he having attended school at Stockbridge, Westfield and Andover, Mass., and at Vernon Center, in his native State. At the outset of his practical business career Mr. Kellogg clerked in Rose's store, in South Coventry, Conn., and later for three years was employed in a wholesale grocery in Troy, N. Y., and for two years in a wool store in that city. In the fall of 1841 these wool merchants sent him to Hartford to sell wool to his old friends, and in 1842 he accepted the proposition of Crosby, White & Dunham to engage in the wool business, entering into partnership with them. Mr. Kellogg has been interested in various important commercial enterprises of the city since his settlement here. For many years he has been a director of the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Co., and has held that relation to the Mercantile Bank of Hartford since its foundation. He has been a director of the Rock Manufacturing Co. for twenty years.

Mr. Kellogg was married, Aug. 17, 1843, at Troy, N. Y., to Miss Lydia M. Billings, of Saratoga, that State, who died in 1898. Seven children were born to this union: George Billings, Frank S., Robert W. (who died in July, 1899), Grace, Nathaniel O., Hattie, and Ebenezer (who died when six months old). Like his father, Mr. Kellogg is an active churchman, and has been a member of the Park Church since 1843. No resident of Hartford occupies a higher position in the esteem and hearts of his fellow citizens.

COL. EDWARD M. GRAVES, associate manager of the Hartford Opera House, former assistant adjutant-general of the State, and former editor and publisher, is one of the well and favorably known men and conspicuous characters of Hartford.

Col. Graves was born in Dublin, Ireland, April 2, 1848, a son of Edward Reid Shoosmith, an Englishman and graduate of Christ's College, who died just six weeks before the birth of our subject. The widowed mother came to the United States a few months later to join her relatives, who resided in Brooklyn, where the boyhood days of the Colonel were passed. In 1857 Mrs. Shoosmith married Francis C. Graves. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion Col. Graves, then a boy of thirteen, was very desirous of enlisting, and he did so four different times, but upon the demand of his parents was released. In 1862, under the name of Graves (taking his stepfather's name), he enlisted in the 1st New York (Lincoln) Cavalry, and succeeded in reaching Hart's Island, New York Harbor, which was the rendezvous of the enlisted men. Here his stepfather found him, and again demanded his release, on the ground that he was too young. The surgeon of the camp decided that the tonsils of young Graves were too large to endure the Southern climate, and his discharge was ordered. Finally the parents, seeing that the boy was determined to enter the volunteer army, consented to allow him to enlist, provided he would first have his tonsils removed. This was done, and a few weeks later young Graves joined his regiment at Halltown, Va. As his discharge papers were made out in the name of Graves, and in honor of a most worthy and devoted stepfather, he has retained the name of Graves ever since, and has had same legalized. While in the army he served throughout the Civil war, and returned to civil life with an honorable war record. For five months of his service he was employed as a scout, attached to the staffs of the gallant Sheridan and Custer. He took part in a number of the great battles of the war, being at Martinsburg, Winchester (2), Fisher's Hill, Opequan, White House Landing, Waynesboro, Cedar Creek, Newmarket, Hunter's raid to Lynchburg, siege of Petersburg, Five Forks, Sailors' Run and Appomattox. He received a sabre wound at the battle of Five Forks, and a gunshot wound at Petersburg. He was with Sheridan in all his memorable raids through the Shenandoah Valley.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the service, in 1865, young Graves returned home, but shortly afterward came to Hartford and entered the employ of the Plimpton Manufacturing Co., remaining with them some eighteen months. Having been deprived of the higher school privileges, owing to his enlistment at so early an age and his ensuing service in the war, he became ambitious for an education, and during his stay with the Plimpton Co. pursued his studies at night. Later he entered McGill University, Montreal, where he completed a special course of study. Returning to Hartford, he was given a position in the "Bee Hive," a large dry-goods house, in which he had charge of the paper-hanging department. During his stay of two years with that establishment he frequently wrote for newspapers, and in this way came to the notice of the newspaper profession. For ten years following his dry-goods house experience he edited the *New Haven Union*, giving up his position at the expiration of that period on account of failing eyesight. Since then Col. Graves has been variously occupied, and has led a most active and busy life.

An ardent Democrat and an active and influential politician, the Colonel has taken part in many of the fierce political battles of his party in city, county and State, and has served it with tireless energy and unabated zeal. In 1883 he received the appointment of assistant adutant-general of the State with the rank of colonel, and served on the staff of Gov. Thomas M. Waller through his term of office.

In the fall of 1886 he received at the hands of his party, against his wishes and will, the nomination for mayor of Hartford, in opposition to Gov. Bulkeley, the Republican candidate. He made the race, and was defeated by a small margin. For many years he has been a member of the Democratic county and State committees, and a delegate to the conventions of both. Col. Graves has the reputation of being well versed on the subject of monetary science, to which he has given special thought and study. He is a firm believer in William Jennings Bryan, strongly advocating his election to the Presidency in 1896 and 1900. The Colonel is a man of broad and liberal views, extensive reading, and is genial and social, an all-round interesting conversationalist and companion. For a time along in the middle 'eighties he was the editor and manager of the *Hartford Daily Telegram*. Later in that decade he passed one year abroad in travel, and also in receiving treatment for his eyes.

Returning to Hartford from his trip abroad, Col. Graves became actively identified in the business connected with the development of the famous mine "Copper King," in which he is one of the largest stock-holders. The "Copper King" promised to be one of the greatest producers in the United States. Our subject is at this time secretary and a director of the Hartford Palace of Amusement Co., the capital stock of which is $50,000. In 1896, associated with H. H. Jennings, of Bridgeport, he leased the Hartford Opera House, and they at once inaugurated a change, making it a popular-priced playhouse; under their careful management it has been largely patronized, and has come into favor. Of the two theaters in the city the Hartford is the older, and in it have played the talent of the country. A notable occasion under their regime was the night of Feb. 6, 1897, when Madame Calve presented the opera "Carmen," playing to a $5,000 house. Another was the appearance there of Anna Held, when hundreds of people were turned away, not having been able to secure even standing-room. These gentlemen are successful as managers, and at the beginning of the year 1901 re-leased the building for a period of ten years. They intend to entirely remodel it, making it one of the finest theaters in New England.

Col. Graves has been prominent in social lines. He is a member of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford, and was formerly commander of Henry C. Merwin Post, of New Haven. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Honor, and the B. P. O. E., having held all the offices in the last named, up to and including that of Exalted Ruler.

On Sept. 16, 1866, Col. Graves was married to Priscilla H. Parkhurst, a native of Rockville, and a daughter of George Parkhurst. To this marriage were born children as follows: Lillian E. married Frank P. Furlong, ex-postmaster of Hartford; Eva married Marcus M. Munsill, now deceased, and they had one child, Marcus M.; Edward G. is the general manager of a business in New York City; Gertrude I. died July 15, 1898. The mother of this family died Feb. 27, 1879, aged thirty-three years. Col. Graves was again married, Jan. 15, 1880, to Minnie Rexroth, of New Haven, who died Dec. 15, 1880, leaving an infant daughter, Minnie, who died at the age of nine years. After nearly twenty years Col. Graves was married for the third time, Nov. 19, 1900, to Mrs. Florence M. Loomis.

ALFRED BRINTNALL REDFIELD (deceased). If an honorable business life over which there falls no shadow of wrong is deserving of emulation, and merits commendation, then Alfred B. Redfield justly won the high regard in which he was held. He was recognized as one of the most prominent citizens of the city of Hartford, and ever faithfully and diligently discharged both public and private duties that devolved upon him.

Mr. Redfield was descended in the eighth generation from William Redfield, the progenitor of nearly all the Redfields in this country, his line of descent being through William, James, Theophilus, Daniel (1), Daniel (2), Ebenezer and William H.

(I) William Redfield was probably one of the early emigrants from England to the colony of Massachusetts. He left the Old England for the New during the decade of years which followed 1630. As early as 1639, and perhaps earlier, he occupied a house and a few acres of land on south side of Charles river, about six miles from Boston. His dwelling house and land were confirmed to him on the Records of the Proprietors of Cambridge in 1642, and the same records show that in September, 1646, he sold his place to Edward Jackson. He probably migrated with the younger Winthrops to the river and harbor of Pequot, or, as it was afterwards called, New London, in the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Colony. The first evidence of his presence here was in 1652, when he built a house at Brewsters Neck, about seven miles north of the present city of New London, and where Jonathan Brewster on May 29, 1654, conveyed to him ten acres of arable land. The family name at this time was Redfin, but gradually the name assumed the form of Redfield, which it has ever since retained. By his wife Rebecca he had children as follows: Rebecca, James and Judith.

(II) James Redfin or Redfield was a tanner by trade, having been apprenticed to Hugh Roberts, of New London, April 1, 1666. Mr. Roberts broke up his establishment in New London and removed to Newark, N. J. James Redfield removed from New London, and in May, 1669, he was married in New Haven to Elizabeth How, who was born in 1645, a daughter of Jeremy How, of New Haven, and granddaughter of Edward How, who was one of the early settlers of Lynn, Mass. The next that is known of him with any degree of certainty is in 1676, when in July of that

year he was living at Saybrook with his wife and children, and also a servant man. One acre of land was granted to him at Saybrook in December, 1683, to which another acre was granted in 1686. While it is not known how long he resided at Saybrook, it is certain that he removed to Fairfield, Conn., as early as 1693, his wife, Elizabeth, having died before his removal. He married (second) Deborah, daughter of John Sturges, or Sturgis. The children by the first wife were: Elizabeth, Sarah and Theophilus; children by the second wife were: Margaret and James.

(III) Theophilus Redfield, oldest son of James, son of William, was a joiner by trade and probably settled in Killingworth, Conn., soon after comin of age. The first mention of him on the records of that town is in March, 1703, or '04, when he bought a small piece of ground for a homestead in what was then Killingworth, but which has since been set off by the name of Clinton, and is now one of the pleasantest of those villages which border on Long Island Sound. On Dec. 24, 1706, he married Priscilla Grinnell, a seventeen-year-old maiden, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Grinnell, and great-granddaughter of John and Priscilla Alden, of Colonial fame. Daniel Grinnell, who three years before had settled in that part of Saybrook then called Pochaug (now Westbrook), came from Little Compton, R. I. (then called Seaconnet), was a son of Daniel Grinnell, of that place, and probably a grandson of Mathew Grinnell, who was in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1638. In 1717 or 1718 he bought a tract of land of about 120 acres on Chestnut Hill in North Killingworth. Thither he removed, and there resided during the balance of his life. This property seems to have been retained for the most part in the hands of his descendants.

Theophilus Redfield commanded the respect and esteem of the community in which he lived. He was frequently appointed to important committees in the management of town affairs, and at a day when military titles, however humble, had some weight he was known as Sergeant Redfield. He died Feb. 14, 1759, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. His wife Priscilla passed away Jan. 12, 1770, aged eighty-one years. Their children were as follows: Daniel, born Sept. 22, 1707; Elizabeth, Richard, Ebenezer, Lydia, Theophilus, Priscilla, Peleg, George, William, Josiah, Jane and James.

(IV) Daniel Redfield, eldest son of Theophilus, son of James, resided at Clinton, Conn. He recnized the Church Covenant in 1725, and about 1728 he married Elizabeth ———. In 1746 he was commissioned as ensign in the Third Company of the regiment under command of Col. Elisha Williams, of Wethersfield, raised for a contemplated expedition against the French in Canada. During a portion of his life he was a sea captain. He died Jan. 11, 1758, in his fifty-first year, some thirteen months before his father's decease. His widow died Nov. 2, 1775, aged seventy-four years. Their children: Daniel, born at Killingworth, Feb. 27, 1728-29; Roswell, Margaret, John, Elizabeth, Samuel and Sylvester.

(V) Daniel Redfield, eldest son of Daniel, son of Theophilus, resided in Clinton. His dwelling was near the present residence (1860) of Eben Redfield, and was pulled down in 1858. By occupation he was a farmer and blacksmith. He married Nov. 21, 1749, Margaret Crane, of Killingworth. In 1775 he was clerk of the committee of correspondence on affairs relative to the defence of the public liberties, for the town in which he lived. He died Jan. 20, 1788, aged fifty-nine years. His children: Ruth, Simeon, Nathaniel, Ruth (2), Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Daniel, Ebenezer (born March 17, 1767), and Mary Lucy.

(VI) Ebenezer Redfield, fourth son of Daniel, was a sea captain and resided in Clinton. He married Phebe Dibble, daughter of David and Phebe (Lane) Dibble. She died Sept. 10, 1832, aged sixty-four years, and he passed away April 23, 1837. Their children: Elizabeth, Lucy, William H. (born in 1797), Eben and Phebe Amelia.

(VII) William H. Redfield, eldest son of Ebenezer, son of Daniel (2), was a carpenter residing at Clinton, Conn. In 1821 he married Elizabeth Elderkin, daughter of Elisha and Mary (Brintnall) Elderkin (her sister, Mary, married Justin Redfield, of New Haven). Children born to William H. and Elizabeth Redfield were: Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 6, 1821; Alfred Brintnall (our subject), born July 1, 1827, died Nov. 8, 1898; and Ann Amelia, born April 28, 1839, died March 17, 1853.

Alfred B. Redfield was a native of Clinton, Conn., whence about the year 1848 he came to the city of Hartford, entering the employ of George M. Way & Co., in the course of time becoming a member of the firm. Later he purchased the wholesale business of the late David Clark, and A. S. Jerome, of Louisville, Ky., was identified with him in the concern, the firm of Jerome & Redfield being formed in 1859. In 1867 the style became A. B. Redfield & Co., and in 1887 it was changed to Redfield & Craig. In April, 1898, Mr. Redfield retired from active business life, previous to which event he had for some years spent a great deal of his time abroad with his family.

After an illness of less than twenty-four hours, Mr. Redfield died on the morning of Nov. 8, 1898, at his late residence, No. 764 Asylum avenue, Hartford, and his remains were laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery, old business friends and associates of the deceased, both in and out of town, being present at the obsequies. As will be seen, Mr. Redfield was in the seventy-second year of his age, and the suddenness of his death caused a shock in the community where he was universally beloved and esteemed. It has been truly said of him that he was a man of the highest integrity, and a devoted friend, an affectionate husband and father, delighting in his family, and taking infinite pains for the culture and happiness of those dearest to

him, while to all of his acquaintances he was one of the most companionable and truest of men. He was a man of fine culture, a linguist of marked acquirements, and possessed one of the finest private libraries in Hartford. He spoke fluently and read with ease French and German, and was also a Latin and Greek scholar of wide repute. At the time of his death Mr. Redfield was a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church, though at one time he was identified with Trinity Church, and was one of its wardens. In earlier days he was a line officer (lieutenant) in the first company of the Governor's Foot Guards, and was also an honorary member of Hubbard Escort.

On Oct. 31, 1860, Alfred Brintnall Redfield was united in marriage with Miss Maria E. Thompson, daughter of Henry and Candace (Phelps) Thompson, of Thompsonville, Conn., and their children are: William T., Annie E., B. Gordon, and M. Louise, all of Hartford.

DR. LEVI COLBY TAYLOR, one of the old r dental practitioners in Hartford, is a native of New Hampshire, born in Lempster Dec. 12, 1841.

Erastus Day Taylor, his father, born in the same town, was a son of John Taylor, a native of Ipswich, Mass., who later in life made his home in Lempster, where he died at the age of ninety-two years. He was a man of strong religious convictions, interested and prominent in church affairs, and a deacon for many years. By occupation he was a carpenter and farmer. He married Sally Jones, and to them were born twelve children, namely: Ivas, Lyman, John, Erastus Day, Sarah, Matilda, Homer, and five who died in infancy.

Erastus D. Taylor was a house carpenter and builder, as well as a farmer, and was foreman in the construction of the first bridge built by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. He was decided in his opinions, thoroughly honest in his decisions, straightforward and upright. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a constant attendant long after he became unable to hear the words of the preacher. In politics he was a Republican, and he held various town offices. He married Mary Colby, daughter of Levi Colby, of Henniker, N. H., and there were four children by this union, three of whom are living: Levi Colby, our subject; Mrs. Ella Ober, of Nashua, N. H.; and Mrs. Delora Reed, of Holyoke, Mass. The mother died in 1865, at the age of fifty-two years.

Dr. Levi Colby Taylor was reared in New Hampshire. His early life was passed upon the farm, in a struggle to earn the money with which to educate himself. He received his early education in the common schools, and, after he was twenty-one, attended Henniker Academy, one of the famous schools of learning of that time. Finishing there, he commenced the study of dentistry in 1866, and was for two years a student with Dr. Bowers, of Springfield, Vt. He began the practice of his profession in the city of Holyoke, Mass., remaining there eight years, and came to Hartford May 3, 1875, since which time he has been in active practice. For a number of years he has been a regular lecturer of the New York Dental School. He has been a member of the Connecticut Valley Dental Society since 1868, has held every office in the society, and was its president in 1877-78; is a member of the Hartford Dental Society, and was its first president; is connected with the Connecticut Dental Association; a member of the North Eastern Dental Association; of the National Dental Association; a corresponding member of the Massachusetts Dental Society; and an associate member of the Institute of Stomatology of New York. Dr. Taylor has taken a keen interest in the advancement of his profession, and has been active in its promotion, always anxious to keep in touch with new methods and treatment.

On Dec. 8, 1874, Dr. Taylor married Nellie Thayer, who was born in Peterboro, N. H., a daughter of John N. and Loretta H. Thayer. Mrs. Taylor is a lineal descendant, on the paternal side, in the eighth generation, from John Alden, one of the Pilgrim fathers who came over in the "Mayflower." To Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born three children: Charles Brackett, the eldest, who died at the age of seven years; Maude Winnifred; and Leon Everett.

BUNCE. For over 250 years the name of Bunce in Hartford has been synonymous with integrity, loyalty to God and to country, suggestive of the highest order of citizenship and of greatest usefulness in the various callings of life, as was exemplified in the lives of Deacon Russell Bunce, James M. Bunce, John Lee Bunce, and Edward Merrill Bunce, besides many others who long ago preceded them to the great beyond, but whose impress has been indelibly stamped upon the community in which they lived.

The first ancestor of these men and their descendants, now prominent in the affairs of Hartford, was Thomas Bunce, a sturdy Puritan, who was at Hartford in 1639, a landed proprietor. He served in the Pequot war, and was rewarded for good service with 110 acres of land. He held a number of important offices. Himself and wife were original members of the South Church in 1670. His son John, the next ancestor in line, and John's wife Mary were admitted to South Church in 1686. John Bunce was "townsman" in 1701, 1711, 1715. He died in 1734. Thomas Bunce was a stalwart figure in the emergencies of early Colonial service, a companion of Hooker, Ludlow, Haynes, Wolcott, and others who laid the foundations of the State.

James M. Bunce, son of Russell Bunce, whose death occurred at Hartford July 25, 1859, the result of an accident in the running away of a horse he was driving, was born in October, 1806, in Hartford, where his life was passed. He received a

good common-school education, in 1825 became a clerk in the Phœnix Bank, and later was teller. On Feb. 1, 1830, he became a member of the firm of T. K. Brace & Co., afterward Brace & Bunce, wholesale merchants and commission merchants. Trade of that description in Hartford then extended over a much wider region than at this day. On the retirement of Mr. Brace from the firm and from business Mr. Bunce became associated with V. A. Bailey, under the firm title of J. M. Bunce & Co. Mr. Bailey dying suddenly, he was succeeded in the firm by Drayton Hillyer, and so the firm stood at the time of Mr. Bunce's death. For some time they dealt chiefly in wool and cotton. Mr. Bunce was also a member of the firm of Hillyer, Munyan & Co., occupying a portion of the same premises, and dealing in groceries.

In 1847-48-49, as one of the active agents of the city of Hartford, Mr. Bunce became well known in all sections of the State through his exertions in opposing the Air Line railroad bridge over the Connecticut river at Middletown, a question that caused a bitter and prolonged contest. On July 21, 1851, he was chosen president of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co., and until the road was completed to its limits, at his death, he devoted himself to its interests with characteristic intensity. He was much interested in the erection of the high school building, paid for newspaper articles, circulated documents, and as a member of the building committee contributed of his own funds very liberally for the completion of the edifice in accordance with what he thought would be its necessities; and afterward those interested were gratified with his foresight.

Politically Mr. Bunce was formerly a Whig. The anti-slavery cause in early days warmly enlisted his feelings, though he did not take part in the independent political movement, and continued to act with the liberal Whigs. He enthusiastically joined the Republican party on its organization, and attended the first National convention at Pittsburg, where his pledge that Connecticut should vote for the Republican nominee brought upon his sanguine temperament some witticisms. "We doubt if any man in the State gave more generously to the cause, here or in Kansas, or rejoiced more heartily over the splendid vote of Connecticut in 1856." His temper was naturally most ardent and impetuous, impatient of obstacles, leading him straight toward his object. But he was exceedingly generous, and his warm affections were easily touched by distress or the demands of any good cause in trouble. He left a handsome fortune, but he gave away more than he left, for his benefactions were commenced early, continued systematically, and increased according to his abilities. In his death every good word and work lost an enthusiastic, hopeful, courageous friend. He was emphatically a live man. No enterprise ever stagnated under his influence. Many years ago he joined the Center Church, which he left a few years before his death with the colony that assisted in building the now prosperous Pearl Street Church. It was particularly noticed by his friends that after the great revival of 1857-58 he was almost wholly absorbed in religious thoughts and works. All that was kindly, self-sacrificing and devout in his nature was brought more into relief, and he sought every opportunity of doing good. He could easily approach the young on such subjects, for he was warm, sincere, and without cant or affectation.

In March, 1830, Mr. Bunce was married to Frances A. Brace, daughter of T. K. Brace, of Hartford. She was born April 8, 1808, and died Sept. 9, 1838. Mr. Bunce subsequently married Elizabeth H. Chester, who was born Oct. 31, 1807, and died March 6, 1861.

Jonathan B. Bunce, president of the Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, is a son of James M. Bunce, and a grandson of Deacon Russell Bunce, who in their day were prominent and influential citizens of Hartford. His ancestors through a long line were men of stalwart integrity, and of great capacity in civil and commercial life, as well as strict observants of external courtesies in their intercourse with men. Jonathan B. Bunce was born April 4, 1832, in Hartford. After attending school in his native city he became a student in the Sheffield Scientific Department of Yale College for a year and a half. As he grew up he was more or less in the store with his father. When twenty-two he engaged in a commission business in New York City, the firm being Dibble & Bunce, and was so occupied for nine years, or until the death of his father, in 1859, when he returned to Hartford and took the place in the business with Drayton Hillyer made vacant by the death of the father, who was a partner. This partnership was continued for fifteen years, at the expiration of which period Mr. Bunce was made vice-president of the Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford. He sustained that relation with the company until its reorganization, in 1889, when he was advanced to the presidency, a position he has since successfully and creditably occupied. Early in the Civil war Mr. Bunce was appointed quartermaster-general of Connecticut, and held the office until the expiration of the term of his predecessor, to complete which he was appointed.

Mr. Bunce is connected with a number of charitable and financial institutions of Hartford, among the former being the American Deaf and Dumb Asylum and Hartford Hospital. He is a director in the Phœnix National Bank, the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., the Society for Savings, and the Connecticut Safe & Deposit Co. For thirty odd years he was secretary of the Hartford Retreat for the Insane. He has held many positions of minor importance in the affairs of Hartford, and in all has sustained the reputation made by his forefathers in the community with which so many

of the name have figured. Politically he is a Republican, and in his religious faith a Congregationalist, a member of the Pearl Street Church, of which he was one of the original incorporators.

On May 9, 1860, Mr. Bunce was married to Laura Dibble, daughter of Calvin B. Dibble, of Granby. Eight children blessed this union, five sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and the daughters are yet living; the eldest son and a younger son are deceased.

WALTER GOODMAN COWLES, of Hartford, on his father's side is in the seventh generation from John Cowles, the line of his descent being through Samuel, Caleb, Daniel, Daniel (2), Lemuel, Walter H. and Samuel W.

(I) John Cowles was of Farmington in 1652; at Hartford 1664; made a freeman 1666; was at Hadley, Mass., and died in 1675. He was called John, the farmer, to distinguish him from John Cowles, the carpenter.

(II) Samuel Cowles, son of John, the farmer, of Farmington, married in 1661 Abigail, daughter of Timothy Stanley, and resided in Farmington. He died in 1691.

(III) Caleb Cowles, born in 1682, baptized in June, 1682, died in 1725.

(IV) Daniel Cowles, son of Caleb, born in 1717, died in the year 1798.

(V) Daniel Cowles (2), son of Daniel, born in 1741, married Esther Rhodes. He died in 1809.

(VI) Lemuel Cowles, son of Daniel (2), born in 1776, married Esther Gridley, daughter of Seth Gridley. Mr. Cowles died in 1815.

(VII) Walter H. Cowles, son of Lemuel, born in 1803, married Azuba, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Watts) Stedman. She was born in 1794, and died in 1872.

(VIII) Samuel W. Cowles, son of Walter H., was born Nov. 10, 1826, in Avon, Hartford county, and in 1859 took up his home in Hartford, where he passed the remainder of his active and useful life. He was identified with the business interests of the city in various ways, and was highly respected in commercial circles as a man of the strictest honor and integrity. Retiring from manufacturing in 1864, he became identified with life insurance interests, and as a member of the Board of Trade was also prominently connected with the material growth and prosperity of his adopted city. Mr. Cowles was a well-informed man, being especially interested in historical research, and he was a member of the Connecticut Historical Society from April, 1891, up to the time of his decease. He was the owner of the Peregrine White Bible. He was one of the founders of the Windsor Avenue Congregational Church of Hartford, and fraternally was affiliated with St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution; and the Putnam Phalanx, of which he was an honorary member. He passed away Feb. 14, 1900, at his home on Windsor avenue, Hartford, and was deeply mourned among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. On Dec. 31, 1851, Mr. Cowles married Harriet Goodman, who was born June 20, 1829, in West Hartford, and preceded him to the grave, dying April 24, 1896. They had two children: Walter G., our subject, who is mentioned more fully below; and Arthur J., born Oct. 31, 1861, who is senior partner of the firm of Cowles & Howard, grocers, of Hartford.

(IX) Walter Goodman Cowles, son of Samuel W., was born April 4, 1857, in Farmington, Conn. He received his early education in the public schools of Hartford, and the Connecticut Literary Institute, of Suffield, Conn., later attending Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1879, and was admitted to the Bar. In 1882 he took a position with the Travelers Insurance Co. In 1885 he was sent to Kansas, where he remained, in charge of investments of the Travelers Insurance Co., until 1895, in which year he returned and took his present position with that company, that of attorney and adjuster for the liability department. On June 9, 1886, Mr. Cowles was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Francis, the ceremony taking place at Cambridge, Ill., where Mrs. Cowles was born April 10, 1862, daughter of Morrison and Mary C. (Moor) Francis. Her father, who was a farmer, stock raiser and miller, is now deceased, Mrs. Francis living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cowles, in Hartford. To our subject and wife have been born three children: Francis Walter, Oct. 28, 1888; Donald Buford, July 26, 1895; and another son, June 18, 1900, not christened at this writing.

On her mother's side Mrs. Cowles is in the sixth generation from John Moor (1683-1774) and his wife Janet (1687-1786), the line of descent being through Elder William Moor (1717-1784) and his wife Mollie Jack; John Moor, Sr. (1746-1839), and his wife Betsey Miller; Capt. John Moor (1790) and his wife Deborah Sherman, daughter of Reuben Sherman.

Mr. Cowles is a descendant maternally in the seventh generation from Deacon Richard Goodman, born in 1609; of Cambridge, Mass., 1632; an original proprietor of Hartford, Conn., 1639, having "a lot on Main street north of the meeting house yard." In 1659 he married Mary Terry, born in 1635, daughter of Stephen Terry, of Windsor, Conn. Deacon Goodman became one of the first settlers of Hadley, Mass., and was killed by the Indians in 1676. His widow died in 1692, in Deerfield. From this Richard Goodman Walter Goodman Cowles' line of descent is through Richard (2), Timothy, Richard (3), Childs and Harriet (Goodman) Cowles.

(II) Richard Goodman (2), son of Deacon Richard, of Cambridge, Hartford and Hadley, born in 1663, married Abigail Pantry, who was born in 1679, daughter of John Pantry (2) (1650-1736) and his wife Abigail Mix, and granddaughter of John Pantry and his wife Hannah Tuttle (1632-

1683). Abigail Mix was a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Turner) Mix. Some time after 1678 Richard Goodman (2) removed to Hartford, where he became a wealthy and prominent citizen. He died in 1730.

(III) Timothy Goodman, of West Hartford, son of Richard (2), born in 1706, married in 1735 Joanna, daughter of Joseph Wadsworth. She was born in 1715, and died in 1768. Mr. Goodman surviving until 1786. Joseph Wadsworth (1682-1778) was a son of Capt. Joseph Wadsworth (1650-1729), of Connecticut Charter memory, and his wife Elizabeth Barnard, daughter of Bartholomew Barnard. Capt. Wadsworth was a son of William Wadsworth (1632-1675) and his wife Eliza Stone. Joanna Hervey, wife of Joseph Wadsworth, and mother of Mrs. Timothy Goodman, was a daughter of Lieut. Thomas Hervey (1648-1739) and his wife Sarah Cooke (1662), and a granddaughter of Daniel Hervey. Sarah Cooke was a daughter of Capt. Avery Cooke (1640-1746) and his wife Sarah Westwood (1644-1730).

(IV) Richard Goodman (3), of West Hartford, son of Timothy, born in 1748, married in 1771 Nancy Seymour, who was born in 1751, daughter of Timothy and Lydia (Kellogg) Seymour. Mrs. Goodman died in 1792, Mr. Goodman in 1834.

(V) Childs Goodman, son of Richard (3), born in 1791, was a miller in West Hartford. In 1822 he married Sarah Porter, who was born in 1796, daughter of Jesse Porter, and they had four children: Amelia S., born in 1824, is the widow of Noadiah F. Emmons, whom she married in 1843; Harriet (deceased) was the mother of our subject; Jennie L., born Oct. 8, 1831, was married June 28, 1860, to Henry C. Andrus, and still survives; Chester, born Nov. 16, 1826, is deceased.

Jesse Porter (1758-1823) married Sibyl Steele (1763-1814), daughter of Samuel and Martha Steele. He was a son of John (1730-1786) and Chlorinda (Whitman) Porter (1736-1779), and a grandson of William and Mary (Smith) Porter; his maternal grandparents were Solomon Whitman (1710-1803) and Susannah Cole (1715-1772). Solomon Whitman was a son of Samuel Whitman (1676-1751) and Sarah Stoddard (1680-1755), she a daughter of Rev. Solomon and Esther (Warham) Stoddard. Samuel Whitman was a son of Zachariah and Sarah (Alvord) Whitman, he a son of John Whitman, and she a daughter of Dr. John Alvord.

CHARLES E. THOMPSON, a substantial citizen and business man of Hartford where for years he has been prominent in military affairs and actively identified with the educational and religious life of the city, is one of the well known and popular men of the State.

Mr. Thompson was born Feb. 26, 1847, in Rockville, Conn., where he was educated in the high school, and that city was his home until 1863. In this year he removed to Hartford to accept a position in the office of the Cheney Bros.' Silk Manufacturing Co., where he remained until 1873. He then passed two years in Providence, R. I., returning to Hartford in 1875, where he has since resided, and since 1876 has been engaged with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., holding a responsible position in the mortgage and bond department.

In his youth and young manhood Mr. Thompson was actively interested in the National Guard of Connecticut. In August, 1865, he enlisted as a private in Battery D, Light Artillery, which was attached to the First Regiment, National Guard of Connecticut. On Jan. 20, 1868, he was appointed corporal, and was discharged July 24, 1871. He was the originator of Company K, of the First Regiment, enlisting in the command February 10, 1879, and on that same date was elected to the first lieutenancy, and on Jan. 31, 1883, he was chosen captain of Company F, Hartford City Guard of the First Regiment. He was advanced to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the regiment Jan. 22, 1885, and served in that position until Jan. 22, 1890. He is now on the retired list. During the period that Capt. Thompson commanded the City Guard the company stood at the head of the brigade in figures of merit. The credit and distinction which he won as a line officer were accorded to him without dissent throughout the National Guard, as a field officer of the First. In personal honor, instinct and training, Lieutenant-colonel Thompson is the ideal military leader. In March, 1890, he was elected major commanding the Veteran City Guard. In 1889 he was captain commanding Company K, Veteran Corps. For one year he was the military instructor at the West Middle School in Hartford. During the Presidential campaign of 1888 he was in command of the Harrison and Morton battalion of Hartford. Lieut.-Col. Thompson originated the present signal for calling out the city companies in case of emergency by means of the alarm fire bell. At the time of the Park Central hotel disaster the signal was sounded for the first time, being ordered by Gov. Bulkeley, and within twenty minutes one hundred men were *en route* from the armory in uniform and armed for the scene of the calamity. The service rendered by the Guard at that time under command of Col. Cone and his associate field officers was invaluable.

Lieut.-Col. Thompson is one of the most respected citizens of Hartford. He has been active and influential in social and religious life. For half a dozen years or more he was assistant superintendent of the Center Congregational Church Sunday-school, and was treasurer for one year of the Connecticut Temperance Union, of which the late Gov. Buckingham was the first president. He declined a second term on account of increasing business duties. Col. Thompson has been treasurer since 1878, and a member of the board of deacons of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church for eighteen years. He is now a director, and was president for four years from 1894 of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hartford. He is president of the City

Missionary Society of Hartford, and an auditor of the Connecticut Humane Society.

Col. Thompson has always taken a keen interest in the prosperity and advancement of the Hartford High school, and served as its treasurer for the year 1895, and as chairman of the committee four years until June, 1900. The new addition and manual training building connected with the school building were built and equipped while he was chairman.

On Sept. 14, 1868, Col. Thompson was married to Miss Abby Frances Allen of Hartford, daughter of Charles and Harriet R. (Sharpe) Allen, and three children have blessed the union, namely: Arthur R., Harriet M. and Emma J. Arthur R. was graduated from Yale College in 1896, and was the "Class Poet;" he is special agent in Hartford for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., and has just completed, and published from the press of Little, Brown & Co., Boston, a work entitled "Gold Seeking Along the Dalton Trail." In 1894 he went to Greenland with Dr. Cook's Arctic expedition. Harriet M., a graduate of the high school, married on July 17, 1900, Prof. Alfred M. Hitchcock, instructor of English in the same school, and Emma J. is a senior in the high school.

The mother of Col. Thompson was a descendant of Governor Roger Wolcott of Connecticut.

MARY HALL. A long line of sturdy, intelligent New England ancestry could not fail to prove a priceless heritage, but it also entails a heavy responsibility, inasmuch as the present generation must, in the natural order of things, ever maintain an unusually high standard, that future generations may find the family escutcheon of undimmed lustre. For generations the name of Hall has been familiar in the history of Connecticut, and Miss Mary Hall, who was until two years ago the only woman practicing law in the State, (for thirteen years being the only woman lawyer in the State) is a gifted exponent of a highly esteemed and widely known family. In 1630, Dr. John Hall left the old family home in Warwickshire, England, and sailed for the New World, where he located in Charlestown, Mass. His son, Elisha, became the father of Ebenezer, who settled in Yarmouth, Mass. Seth, the son of Ebenezer, was the first of the direct line to leave the old Bay State, and he settled in Tolland county, Connecticut, where also lived his son, Amos. Amos Hall grew to manhood and married, and in his family was a son, Ezra. Ezra Hall passed his life in the vicinity of his home in Tolland county, but he was highly educated and for a number of years was a teacher. He married Phila Ford, and was the father of Gustavus Ezra.

Gustavus Ezra Hall was born in Tolland county, and passed his early life on a farm in what is now Marlborough, Hartford county, but at that time was in Tolland county. He was educated in the public schools and for a time attended a private school. On reaching man's estate he began the lumbering business, and successfully followed that business for many years. In politics he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, but on the breaking out of the Civil war he gave his support to the Republican party and so continued until his death in 1875. He took an active interest in all that pertained to the affairs of his town, and shirked no duty, however inconvenient, if he felt it his duty as a loyal citizen. He married Louisa Skinner, a native of the same town, and a daughter of David and Mary (Lord) Skinner, the former of whom was a teacher and a merchant in East Haddam, later a farmer in Marlborough, where he died. Mrs. Mary (Lord) Skinner was born in Marlborough, and was descended from the first Colonial Governor, John Haynes, and also from Elder William Goodwin; on the paternal side she was descended from Thomas and Richard Lord, first settlers of Hartford, having come over with Hooker, and also can the line be traced to Peter Bulkley, of Concord, Massachusetts, whose son, Rev. Gershom Bulkley, was one of the early settlers of Wethersfield. Mrs. Skinner was the mother of four children, and died at the advanced age of eighty-seven.

To Gustavus Ezra and Louisa (Skinner) Hall were born ten children, seven of whom reached manhood and womanhood, and four of whom are yet living: Mary is the eldest; Joel makes his home in Hartford; Elizabeth married James T. Mather, and lives in Rockville; and David S., is with our subject in Hartford. Of these who have entered into rest, Ezra was a lawyer in Hartford, attaining a position of eminence in the profession; he was graduated from Wesleyan University, and became very prominent in the affairs of the State, being twice elected to represent his district in the Senate, but his death occurred just as he was entering on a career that gave promise of making his name as familiar to the Nation as it was to the State. Martin, Charlotte and Daniel died in infancy; Martin Luther in early manhood, and Charles, when he was aged fifty-four years.

Miss Mary Hall was born in Marlborough, Conn., and her education was acquired in Wilbraham Academy, in Massachusetts. After teaching at Wilbraham Academy and LaSalle Seminary she began her legal studies with her brother, and when death claimed him, she continued under the direction of John Hooker. She passed the examination for admission to the bar on March 24, 1882, and on October 3, following, was formally admitted. Two years later Gov. Waller made her a notary public. This was an unusual position for a woman, but the ability and rare intelligence of the lady forced down every barrier placed in her way. She makes a specialty of probate law, and transacts a large amount of business. With a natural love of her profession, she has read widely. Legal training, rare intelligence and womanly intuition have gained a high place for her in her profession, and would make her a formidable adversary in any branch of the work. She has traveled extensively, and in 1900

passed three months in the British Isles and in continental Europe, and was one of the delegates from this country to three congresses of people interested in charity and penal institutions. The International Organized Charities Congress met in London. The Conference of Charities and Corrections was held in Paris, and the International Prison Congress in Brussels, Belgium. Miss Hall was also a representative of the Organized Charities of this city, and made the most of her time while abroad in visiting institutions on the continent of Europe and in England.

Miss Hall is president and treasurer of the board of directors of the Good Will Club, and its superintendent, and as this is her greatest life work it is fitting that a brief mention of the origin and object of the Good Will Club should close this sketch.

The origin of the Good Will Club, as is often the case with good works, was the result of a very small beginning. Twenty years ago Miss Mary Hall gathered a few boys together and read to them stories, furnished games, talked upon natural history, geology and other subjects. The boys were delighted, and she met with them once a week, the number of boys gradually increasing. They soon had to seek larger quarters, and in April, 1880, the boys under her supervision organized, adopted a constitution and by-laws, and selected officers from their own number. The work widened and developed as time went on, and several ladies, learning what she was doing, came to her assistance. The plan had nothing in it of the day-school or Sunday-school. The idea was simply to entertain the boys with interesting games, stories, illustrated papers, etc. No religious views or sectarianism were allowed to be broached. It was simply an evening's entertainment once a week for the boys, thus drawing them from the bad life of the streets.

They were taught good morals and the ordinary courtesies of life. These evenings had such attractions for the boys that they usually came with reinforcements from their circle of playmates, and again their quarters soon grew too small. Larger rooms were procured; they were opened two or three evenings a week, and finally every evening except Sundays. Every boy, before receiving his membership badge, has to take a pledge of good conduct, and should he violate this pledge, he forfeits both badge and membership. Boys are received from eight years of age to twenty-one. The membership roll shows several hundred names. The volunteer corps of workers has increased from half a dozen to about eighty. The majority of these are ladies, but some helpers are from Trinity College and the Theological Seminary. The work has been so divided and systematized that a certain number go on certain nights, each attending to the particular duties she has chosen to come under her supervision. The directors have found that this division of forces works admirably.

Lessons in gymnastics, elocution, singing and military drill, have been given by the volunteer teachers, and the begining of an industrial department is contemplated. For this purpose entertainments and plays are frequently given to the boys in their own hall—one of the pleasantest in the city. It has been asked if the club has authority to hold boys by legal restraint. It has not. The boys have perfect liberty to come and go as they please. They are graded and entertained in different rooms.

At the dedication of the Good Will Building, Feb. 22, 1889, Miss Hall closed her address with the following words: "And may I add that my work in and for the Good Will Club is a memorial work, and in perfect harmony with the large and small sums given here, because too sacred to be given elsewhere. I should be ungrateful to the memory of a noble brother, whose boyhood was of the noblest type, and whose active life began and closed in your beautiful city, did I not acknowledge in this presence that the little I have done, and the more I hope to do is in loving memory of Ezra Hall."

CHAUNCEY RHODES. After an active and successful life, spent in business in the city of Hartford and in the far West, Chauncey Rhodes, the subject of this sketch, is now living retired in his pleasant home at No. 51 Buckingham street, Hartford.

Mr. Rhodes was born at Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 12, 1815, son of George and Mirinda (Morris) Rhodes. The father also was a native of Wethersfield, and by trade was a carpenter. He was a man of unusual mechanical skill, even for a region so generously blessed with inventive genius as Hartford county, and in addition to carpentering he found profitable employment in general mechanical work. He remained a lifelong resident of Wethersfield, and attained the good old age of eighty-four years, where he acquired not a little celebrity for his talents and his many estimable qualities. His wife lived to the age of seventy-eight years, a noble Christian woman, whose good deeds were almost innumerable, and whose ministrations of kindness and aid made her an angel of mercy in that locality. Both parents of our subject were members of the Presbyterian Church. Of their six children he is the only survivor.

Chauncey Rhodes spent his early years in Wethersfield, where he acquired a good common-school education. At the age of seventeen years he came to Hartford to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years, during which time he built many of the business houses and residences of the city, employing from ten to twenty men, and laying the foundation of his future success. Later he became interested in land in the West, and became the possessor of a large ranch located near the Yellowstone river, and well stocked with horses, cattle and sheep, in which he took an active interest for many years. He was actively engaged in the management of this ranch for some twenty years, and there remained until his retirement to

Hartford. His present home is an old landmark. It was erected in 1845, on a farm, and was then the only residence in that part of Hartford, which is now one of the fine residence parts of the city. Mr. Rhodes has seen the city grow from 5,000 to 80,000 inhabitants, and very few remain of those who were here when he first cast his fortunes with the growing and prosperous city.

In 1841 Mr. Rhodes married Julia Tryon, a native of Niagara county, N. Y., born July 19, 1813, daughter of James Tryon, and one of a family of twelve children, of whom she is the sole survivor. To Chauncey and Julia Rhodes have been born six children, of whom only one is living, Chauncey E. He was born April 16, 1857, educated in the schools of Hartford and at Hannum's Business College, and began his business career as a salesman in a crockery and fruit store. In 1882 he started in business for himself as a manufacturer of general factory supplies, and he now travels for a millsupply company. He married Miss Laura S. Seagrave, of Amherst, Mass., who was born in San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17, 1860, and they reside with his father, our subject.

In politics Chauncey Rhodes, our subject, is a Republican, and he is one of the oldest voters of Hartford. Many years ago he was a member of the I. O. O. F. He is highly respected by his many friends and acquaintances, to all of whom his sterling and admirable qualities of mind and heart commend and endear him.

HENRY HUBBARD GOODWIN, member of the firm of Tucker & Goodwin, was born Sept. 13, 1857, at Hartford, and is a descendant in the eighth generation from Ozias Goodwin, as follows:

(I) Ozias Goodwin, the head of the pioneer Connecticut family of that name, married Mary Woodward, daughter of Robert Woodward, of Braintree, England. In 1639 he became a resident of Hartford, Conn. He died before April, 1683. Children: (1) William, born in 1629, whose wife was named Susannah; (2) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows; and (3) Hannah, born in 1639, who married William Pitkin.

(II) Nathaniel Goodwin, born about 1637, was admitted a freeman by the General Court of Connecticut in October, 1662, and was one of the townsmen of Hartford 1660-78-82. He married (first) Sarah Coles, daughter of John and Hannah Coles, of Hatfield, Mass., formerly of Farmington, Conn. She died May 8, 1676, aged twenty-nine years, and her monument, still to be seen in the Center Church burying-ground, is the oldest one now extant in Hartford bearing the name of Goodwin. Nathaniel Goodwin married (second) Elizabeth Pratt, daughter of Daniel Pratt, of Hartford. He died Jan. 8, 1713; his widow died after July, 1724. Children by first wife: (1) Nathaniel, born in July, 1665, who married (first) Lois Porter and (second) Sarah Easton; (2) Sarah, born in April, 1668; (3) John, sketch of whom follows. Children by second wife: (4) Samuel, born Aug. 22, 1682, married Mary Steele; (5) Hannah, born Dec. 6, 1685, was buried Jan. 31, 1693; (6) Ozias, born June 26, 1689, married Martha Williamson; (7) Elizabeth, born Oct. 14, 1691, married John Cole.

(III) John Goodwin, baptized May 19, 1672, was the first of the Goodwins who settled on the east side of the Great River, in what is now East Hartford. The old Indian fort, traces of which still remain, was situated on his land. Like his father and grandfather, he was by trade a weaver. He was a thrifty citizen, and prominent in local affairs; was collector of the Ecclesiastical Society in 1706, and for over twenty years a deacon of the church. His first wife, Sarah, died in May, 1735. He married (second), before June, 1740, Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted, daughter of Stephen and Hannah Hosmer, and widow of Nicholas Olmsted, of East Hartford. She died March 2, 1760, he on Feb. 6, 1757. Children: (1) Hannah, born April 17, 1698, married Timothy Porter; (2) Damaris, born Feb. 11, 1699, died in August, 1723; (3) Mary, born Jan. 18, 1701, married Joseph Cowles; (4) Sarah married Samuel Smith; (5) John, sketch of whom follows; (6) William died Feb. 18, 1744; (7) Joseph died Feb. 28, 1737; (8) Caleb died April 12, 1769; (9) Susannah married Timothy Forbes; (10) Richard died March 3, 1745; (11) Ruth married John Abbe.

(IV) John Goodwin, born Aug. 11, 1706, married Dorothy, daughter of Caleb and Dorothy (Hill) Pitkin, of East Hartford. Mr. Goodwin was a large landholder, by trade a tanner, and was of honorable repute in Hartford. He was deacon in 1780. A small-pox hospital was erected on his land in 1761, on Pock House Hill. He was taxed for keeping a chaise, an article of luxury in those days. He died Sept. 14, 1793, his wife on Aug. 17, 1789. Children: (1) Damaris died Oct. 18, 1773; (2) Dorothy married Benjamin Roberts, Jr.; (3) John, sketch of whom follows; (4) Joseph married Hannah Olmsted; (5) William married Mary Rockwell; (6) Hannah married Moses Smith; (7) Sarah, born Dec. 2, 1750, married John Wyles; (8) Richard, born June 12, 1753, married Ruth Roberts; (9) Thankful, born Dec. 22, 1755, died Dec. 13, 1771; (10) Levi, born May 8, 1757, married Jerusha Drake; (11) Mary, born Oct. 26, 1760, married Timothy Hall; and (12) Anne, born Dec. 4, 1762, died Jan. 14, 1780.

(V) John Goodwin, born Nov. 11, 1742, married Elizabeth Olmsted, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Pitkin) Olmsted, of East Hartford. He resided in East Hartford, and died June 10, 1784, at Sag Harbor, L. I., whither he had removed on account of ill health. His widow married Timothy Cowles, of East Hartford, and died July 16, 1822. Children of John Goodwin: (1) Elizabeth, born Oct. 8, 1769, married Moses Forbes, Jr.;

(2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Caleb, born May 8, 1774, died Oct. 13, 1774; (4) George, born May 8, 1783, married Eunice Olcott.

(VI) John Goodwin, born April 7, 1772, in East Hartford, removed to Hartford about 1800, and was a manufacturer of boots and shoes on Main street, near Pearl. He married Dec. 10, 1807, Anna Belden, born Sept. 13, 1778, daughter of Nathan Belden. He died March 14, 1828, she on April 11, 1849. Their children: (1) John H., born March 2, 1809, married (first) Nancy S. Stanley and (second) Lucina Hart; (2) Russell Belden, born Dec. 18, 1810, married Eliza Steele; (3) George W., born March 15, 1813, married Martha Wadsworth; (4) James Belden, born Feb. 26, 1817, married (first) Maria Holbrook and (second) Isabella Nichols; (5) Charles S., born Jan. 8, 1819, married Mary E. Lincoln; (6) Alfred, born April 4, 1821, died Nov. 28, 1847; (7) Henry Augustus, sketch of whom follows.

(VII) Henry Augustus Goodwin, born Oct. 5, 1823, married (first) May 18, 1847, Louisa Hubbard, born in Bloomfield, Conn., Aug. 8, 1824, daughter of Alvan and Polly (Colton) Hubbard. She died Aug. 26, 1866, and he married (second) Ellen Pinney, born March 17, 1842, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Ann (Lee) Pinney, of South Windsor. Mr. Goodwin was a druggist in Hartford many years. Socially he was a Freemason; treasurer of St. John's Lodge, and was a member of South Church, later of Pearl Street Church. He died Nov. 2, 1871; his widow married John A. Stoughton, and resided in East Hartford. Children of Henry A. Goodwin: (1) Charles Henry, born March 17, 1851, died April 29, 1851; (2) Mary Louisa, born Sept. 7, 1852, married Henry W. Hurlburt, and resides at No. 576 Farm avenue, Hartford; (3) Lester Henry, sketch of whom follows; (4) Henry Hubbard, sketch of whom follows.

(VIII) Lester Henry Goodwin, who continues his father's drug business in Hartford, was born in that city Oct. 18, 1854, and there received his education. At the age of seventeen years, on the death of his father, he took charge of the store, located at the corner of Main and State streets. On Dec. 12, 1876, he married Esther Campbell, who was born in North Manchester March 28, 1854, daughter of James and Esther (Griswold) Campbell, and three children graced their union: Hattie Louise, born Sept. 5, 1877; James Lester, Jan. 12, 1880; and Howard, Jan. 5, 1884. The mother passed away March 9, 1900. Mr. Goodwin has been treasurer of the State Pharmaceutical Association for many years; also of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; is a 32d degree Freemason, and member of the Mystic Shrine. In religious faith he is a member of Asylum Hill Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican, and is superintendent of a P. O. Sub Station.

(VIII) Henry Hubbard Goodwin, born Sept. 3, 1857, in Hartford, was educated in the public schools of that city. In 1872, after laying aside his books, he entered the office of Smith, Northam & Robinson, with whom he remained two years; then took a position with H. A. Botsford & Co. later Botsford & Ingraham), dealers in hay, straw and refrigerator dressed beef. With this firm he continued seven years, or until 1882, in October of which year he accepted a position with the firm of Keneys & Roberts, as bookkeeper and cashier, in 1889 became a member of the firm, and was confidential clerk for Mr. Keney. On April 1, 1896, the firm of Tucker & Goodwin was organized, as already related. He was one of the executors of Henry Keney's will, and one of the trustees of the estate.

On Oct. 19, 1892, Henry H. Goodwin was married in Hartford to Emma L. Rood, daughter of David A. Rood, for many years proprietor of the "United States Hotel." Children as follows have come to this union: Henry Rood, born Nov. 2, 1894; and David Keney, born June 27, 1898.

CHARLES E. TAFT, M. D., physician and surgeon of Hartford, was born in Dedham, Norfolk Co., Mass., July 11, 1863, a son of Josephus Guild Taft, who was born in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1831, and a grandson of Ezra Wood Taft, also a native of Uxbridge, born Aug. 24, 1800.

Josephus Guild Taft received a high-school education in Dedham, Mass., and early in life engaged in the saddlery business, but later was appointed cashier of the Shawmut National Bank at Boston. He is a Freemason, a Republican in politics, and in religion a Congregationalist. He was married in Uxbridge to Miss Ann Eliza Shaw, who was born Jan. 19, 1834, a daughter of Franklin King Shaw, who was born Nov. 23, 1805, and died May 22, 1845; his wife, Catherine (Pollock) Shaw, was born July 14, 1804, and died when sixty-nine years old. Mrs. Shaw's father, John Pollock, was born April 6, 1770, and died Nov. 8, 1843; his wife, Anna (Lynd) Pollock, who was born Oct. 25, 1770, died July 14, 1857. Mrs. Ann Eliza Taft died in January, 1899, the mother of three children: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Adelaide, who died when two and one-half years old; and Arthur Guild, who was born July 12, 1869, and died in 1889.

Charles E. Taft graduated from the high school in Dedham in 1880, and from Chauncey Hall College, in Boston, in 1881. In the fall of the same year he matriculated at Harvard College, from the Medical Department of which he graduated in 1886, with the degree of M. D. In 1885 and a part of 1886 he held the position of house surgeon in the Boston City Hospital, and later that of house surgeon at the Woman's Hospital in New York, until 1888, in the spring of which year he was appointed medical inspector on the New York board of health, this being a civil service appointment. In March, 1888, Dr. Taft came to Hartford, Conn., and opened practice alone, although he later occu-

pied the same office with Dr. Jarvis for eight years. He has given special attention to surgery and diseases of women, but at the same time follows a general practice, and does considerable life-insurance work, being examining surgeon for several of the standard companies. He is a member of the State Medical Society, the Hartford City and the Boston City Hospital Alumni Associations, and of the New York Woman's Hospital Alumni Association, and has contributed many valuable papers and professional themes to the State and Hartford City Associations. He has also served as secretary of the Hartford City Medical Society, and as one of its censors, and has been a fellow of the State Society. In politics he is an ardent Republican in his predilections, but takes no particularly active part in the work of the party.

Dr. Taft married Martha Louise Jarvis, only daughter of Dr. G. C. Jarvis, of Hartford, and this marriage has been crowned with three children: George Jarvis, born Sept. 9, 1893; Elizabeth, born June 12, 1895; and Eleanor, born Jan. 1, 1901. The family stand very high in the social circles of Hartford, while professionally the Doctor has attained the front rank.

Mention may now be made of the genealogy of the Taft family. Robert Taft came to America from England about 1678, and located in Braintree, Mass., as is shown by the town records, which connect his name with a house and lot in the village at that date, but in 1680 he appears to have removed to Mendon.

It is thought that Robert Taft was born in Scotland, as a tradition runs to the effect that he was a Scotch Puritan and an adherent of the Commonwealth, became disgusted with the conduct of the Cavaliers during the reign of Charles II of England, and sought refuge from civil and religious persecution in the forests of New England. It is also thought that he was born in 1640, and had been in Mendon, Mass., before the Indian war. His death took place Feb. 8, 1725. His wife was named Sarah, and she was born about 1640, but of her kindred no trace can be had. She outlived her husband, but the date of her death is not on record.

The second generation of Tafts in America comprised Thomas, Robert (born in 1674, married in 1694, and died April 29, 1748), Daniel, Joseph, and Benjamin.

The third generation, or Robert's children, comprised Elizabeth, Robert, Israel, Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth (2), Alice, Eunice, John, Jemima, and Gideon.

The fourth generation, the children of Israel, numbered nineteen, among whom was Samuel, born Sept. 3, 1736, and who died Aug. 16, 1816. By Mary, his first wife, who was born Jan. 3, 1743, he had the following named children: Frederick (born June 19, 1759, died Feb. 10, 1846), Lyman, Sibyl, Mercy, Willard, Sibyl, Marcy, Porter, Washington, Parla, Merrett, Otis, Phila, G. Washington. Samuel Taft for his second wife married Experience Humes, Jan. 9, 1780; she was born May 27, 1750, and died Jan. 14, 1837. The children born to this union were Danbridge, Warner, Experience and Polly.

Frederick Taft, son of Samuel, in 1782 married Abigail Wood, who was born Aug. 29, 1761, and died June 2, 1801. Their children were Samuel, Murdock, Calista, Frederick A., Augustus, Naba, Harriet, Parla, Ezra Wood (born Aug. 24, 1800, died Sept. 26, 1885, grandfather of Dr. Charles E. Taft), Mary Ann and Margaret.

Ezra Wood Taft, son of Frederick A., and grandfather of Dr. Charles E. Taft, was twice married, his first wife and four children all dying before he was twenty-nine years of age. On Sept. 8, 1830, he married Lendamine Draper, eldest daughter of Calvin Guild, of Dedham, and this family consisted of six children: Josephus Guild, Edwin Wheaton (who died at about fifty years of age), Cornelius A., Minerva L., Louise and Ezra Fletcher. Mr. Taft, at the age of thirty-two, built a large cotton mill in Dedham, which he owned for over thirty years. Later in life he was elected to the State Legislature, and held other prominent official positions, being chairman of the board of selectmen for twelve years. He was also president of the Dedham Institution for Savings, and president of the Dedham National Bank, besides being a director in many corporations.

CHARLES W. HILLS, member of the firm of Hills & Marchant, funeral directors and embalmers, Hartford, is a native of that city, born June 2, 1833.

Osias Hills, his father, was born in Rocky Hill, Conn., in 1799, son of Richard Hills, who when a young man came from his native land, England, to America, settling in Glastonbury, Conn., where he passed the rest of his days, dying at the age of sixty-two years. Osias, his son, was reared and educated at Glastonbury, and there learned the trade of cabinet maker. When a young man he moved to Hartford, and here opened out a furniture establishment, in course of time adding undertaking, both of which lines he successfully conducted for many years, being at the time of his death, in 1888, one of the oldest business men in the city. In 1829 he married Clarissa Cooley, who was born in Hartford, a daughter of William and Lucinda Cooley, and four children were born to them, our subject being the only survivor. Osias Hills took great interest in church matters as a member of the M. E. Church, in which he was class-leader for many years.

Charles W. Hills received a liberal education at the public schools of Hartford, also at the Brown school, after which he commenced learning the upholstering and furniture business with his father. In 1860 he commenced the undertaking business on his own account, and has conducted same ever since, the establishment being now the

second oldest and largest in the city, averaging 300 funerals per annum, and has been at its present stand, No. 53 Ann street, forty years. In 1893 Mr. Hills took into partnership his son-in-law, William T. Marchant (who had been in his employ some seven years), and the style of the firm has since been Hills & Marchant. Both members are graduates of the New York School of Embalming, and are thoroughly versed in the art, besides being excellent business men.

In 1857 Charles W. Hills was married to Jane E. Spencer, born in Saybrook, Conn., a daughter of Capt. Chauncey and Eliza Spencer, who were the parents of seven children, Mrs. Hills being the only daughter. The father died at the age of eighty-nine years, the mother when seventy-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Hills were born four children: The eldest, a son, died in infancy. Hattie E., who became the wife of Morgan Johnson, is deceased. Carrie E. is the wife of William T. Marchant. Ernest S., who is engaged in the grocery business, married Carrie M. Gubitz, a native of Germany, by whom he has two children, Hattie G. and Arline H. Mrs. Ernest S. Hills' father, August C. Gubitz, is in the employ of the Colt Mfg. Co., Hartford. To him and his wife were born nine children, seven living—four sons and three daughters—the sons being all machinists. The other two died in infancy.

The Hills family are members of the Asylum Street M. E. Church, in which Mr. Hills is a trustee, and in politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Hartford Lodge, No. 88; with the K. of P., of which order he is past chancellor; with the I. O. O. F., Hartford Lodge, No. 82; with the O. U. A. M., and other similar organizations. He is also a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association, of the Connecticut Funeral Directors' Association, of which he was one of the organizers, and its first president; and a director of the N. E. Association, of which he was also president.

JAMES FRANCIS GLEESON, whose reputation as an undertaker is widespread, and whose place of business is in Bristol, is a native of Connecticut, born Sept. 15, 1875, in Wolcottville (now Torrington), Litchfield county.

Patrick Henry Gleeson, father of our subject, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, May 29, 1846, and received his education there. In 1867 he went to London, England, and there made his home four years, during three of which he was foreman of the then famous Wood's Brewery. From London he proceeded to this country, landing at New York, and after a time spent in that city he in May, 1871, came to what is now Torrington, Conn., where for eleven years he was watchman at the Excelsior Needle Co.'s plant, his steadiness and fidelity in that position securing him the confidence of his employer, as well as making him many friends. In 1886, the year of the World's Exposition in London, England, he revisited that city, and shortly after his return to Torrington embarked in business as a general contractor. His sheds and yards are on Spear street, and his operations cover everything in the way of grading, curbing, concreting, excavating and stone work, manufactured stone and brick flagging, etc., in which lines he does a vast amount of work, and gives employment to a large force of men. The grading of nearly all of the principal streets in Torrington has been done by him, and among the more important works that have been intrusted to him may be mentioned that of the Protestant cemetery.

About the year 1890 Mr. Gleeson engaged in the undertaking business, being the only undertaker in that section of the State, and the thoroughness that is characteristic of him is well exemplified in the manner in which this and all the varied branches of his business are conducted. The art of embalming he learned in the best New York colleges, and in accordance with the more advanced ideas of the profession, and he has adopted the most approved methods. His undertaking outfits, while rich, are in good taste, while the paraphernalia generally in the establishment are all of modern design. He has branch offices in this line of business in Thomaston and New Hartford.

In other than business ways Mr. Gleeson has become prominent, especially in Torrington, where for the past five years he has been assessor every year except one, and is an honorary member of the fire department. Gleeson street takes its name from him, he having been the first to erect any buildings thereon, and he still owns one side of that thoroughfare. Socially he is a member of various fraternal organizations, among them the Foresters; Knights of Columbus, of which he was secretary three years; Benevolent Order of Elks; Ancient Order of United Workmen; and Ancient Order of Hibernians, in which he has been president of the Torrington branch three years, and for the past four years has been county president; in 1896 he was a delegate to the National Convention, held at Detroit in that year.

In 1867 Patrick H. Gleeson was married to Miss Annie Garvin, born in 1848 in London, and children as follows have been born to them: John, Joseph, Patrick Henry, James Francis, Thomas, William A., Mary, Katherine, and two that died in infancy.

James Francis Gleeson, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education at the schools of Torrington, graduating from the high school in 1892. For some eighteen months thereafter he acted as bookkeeper for his father, and then, in partnership with his brothers John and Patrick, opened a grocery in Torrington under the firm name of Gleeson Bros., in which they continued about two years, when they dissolved partnership and closed out the business. Our subject then, in February, 1895, removed to Bristol, and engaged in the undertaking business, having learned same under his

father's tuition; he has met with well-merited success. At the same time he opened a gents' furnishing store in Bristol, which he closed out after carrying it on about two years, and has since devoted his time and attention exclusively to his undertaking business.

Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Columbus, being a past grand knight; a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in which he has passed all the chairs; of the Zealots Hook & Ladder Co., of which he was treasurer three years; of the Independent Order of Foresters; and of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In political preference he is a Democrat, but does not take much interest in the affairs of either of the parties. Mr. Gleeson is popular among a large number of friends, not only in Bristol, but in many of the towns in the State where he is known, and in his particular line of business he is perfectly familiar with every detail, his reputation for efficiency extending to many of the surrounding towns.

GEN. LEONARD A. DICKINSON, a veteran of the Civil war, former postmaster of Hartford, of which city he has been a substantial and prominent citizen for forty years, has descended from a sturdy New England ancestry. Born Nov. 5, 1826, in New Haven, son of Raphael and Nancy (McNeil) Dickinson, Gen. Dickinson traces his ancestry in an unbroken line from the time of Edward I of England, in 1272, and in America from Josiah Dickinson, who landed in Boston in 1630. Several of his later descendants were officers in the Revolutionary war, it thus appearing that the military tastes of the subject of this sketch are really a matter of inheritance. Both his parents dying when he was quite young, Gen. Dickinson was obliged to earn his own living from the early age of nine years, being thus deprived of the means of obtaining a more liberal education than a few months of each year as the district school afforded. He has always evinced a genuine fondness for military affairs, and for fifteen years following 1846 was a member or officer in various military organizations in his native city, and in Hartford, after takng up his residence there, in 1860.

On Oct. 19, 1861, Mr. Dickinson enlisted, becoming a private in the 12th Conn. V. I., for active service in the war of the Rebellion. He was commissioned captain of Company C, Nov. 20 of that year, was mustered into service the first of the following January, and participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part. In 1864 he was assigned to duty as assisting adjutant-general of the Second Brigade, First Division, Nineteenth Army Corps, and in that capacity took part in Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley campaign, until mustered out of the service, Nov. 21, 1864. He was then commissioned major of the Twelfth Regiment, but declined the appointment. He could not be mustered because the condition of the regiment was too small to admit of three field officers.

Since his discharge from service in the army Gen. Dickinson has made Hartford his home. He has held the local agency of the Ætna Insurance Co. since 1869, in the discharge of the duties of which position he is now principally engaged. The General has been honored with many positions of honor and trust, and has most efficiently and creditably performed the duties of each. He was quartermaster-general three years, on Gov. Jewell's staff; postmaster of Hartford four years, under President Garfield; has been a member of the Connecticut Soldiers Hospital board since 1886; and is a trustee of "Fitch's Home" for the soldiers. He was made a Freemason in New Haven in 1856. His affiliations in Hartford are with St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., in which he has held the principal offices; with Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was for five years the secretary; with Wolcott Council, No. 1, Royal & Select Masons; and with Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. He has received from the Grand Lodge the appointments of grand junior steward and grand marshall, and the electoral offices of grand senior deacon and grand junior warden. He is an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Hartford, and for several years has been the senior warden of that parish. He is also a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion.

Gen. Dickinson is a gentleman of the highest honor and probity, a firm friend, kind neighbor and useful citizen, carrying with him each day the good will and good cheer of hosts of friends, and the esteem and respect of the community. He married, in 1848, Miss Eliza A. Hendrick, of New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Dickinson died in November, 1892.

WILLIAM TUCKER, of the firm of Tucker & Goodwin, merchants, Hartford, is a native of Connecticut, born Feb. 5, 1848, in New Britain, and is a descendant in the seventh generation from Robert Tucker, as follows:

(I) Robert Tucker, Weymouth, Mass., 1635, removed to Milton, Mass., 1662. He married Elizabeth Allen.

(II) Ephraim Tucker, born in 1652, served as town clerk and selectman for many years. He married Hannah Gulliver.

(III) Stephen Tucker, born April 8, 1691, in Milton, Mass., settled in 1715 in Preston, Conn., Aug. 30, 1716, he married Hannah Belcher.

(IV) William Tucker, born May 28, 1737, in Preston, Conn., married Esther Morgan June 4, [illegible] died Nov. 5, 1819.

(V) Stephen Tucker, born April 30, 1768, in Preston, was married Jan. 17, 1793, to Eunice Baldwin, of Stonington, Conn., and died Aug. 15, 1853. During the war of 1812 he was captain of an artillery company at Stonington Point.

(VI) Erastus Tucker, born Aug. 10, 1794, in Griswold, Conn., married (first) Eliza, daughter

of Dudley and Mary (Moore) Hovey, of Windham, Conn. She was born July 29, 1804, and died March 9, 1837. On March 6, 1838, he married (second) Emma Augusta, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Dolly (Ingalls) Dresser, of Abington, Conn. She was born May 11, 1812, and died June 14, 1874. Her father was captain of a company at New London in 1813. Children by first wife: (1) Mary Frances, born Aug. 18, 1829, married D. W. C. Pond; (2) Edwin, born Nov. 7, 1831, died Sept. 18, 1879; (3) Henry, born March 11, 1834, married Amelia E. Olmstead; (4) George, born March 5, 1837, married Emma H. Hunt. Children by second wife: (5) John Dresser, born Dec. 19, 1838, married (first) Sarah Louise Ingham and (second) Kate Abbott Fox; (6) Eliza Emma, born June 3, 1846; and (7) William, a sketch of whom follows. Erastus Tucker died in September, 1868. He was a manufacturer of paper, and spent the greater part of his life in Hartford.

(VII) William Tucker, whose name opens this sketch, came to Hartford in early childhood, and here received his education. His first business experience was as clerk in the wholesale dry-goods house of Collins Bros. & Co., in that city, remaining in that capacity some eleven years. In January, 1878, he became connected with what is now the extensive business firm of Tucker & Goodwin. This business was established in 1800 by Joseph Keney, on the corner of Main and Ely streets, the firm name, in 1830, becoming H. & W. Keney. In 1855 the new partnership of Keneys, Roberts & Goodwin was formed, which on the death of Mr. Goodwin became Keneys & Roberts. In 1889 William Tucker and H. H. Goodwin were admitted as members of the firm. Upon the death of Walter Keney the firm became Keney, Roberts & Co., and, after the death of Henry Keney, was Roberts, Tucker & Goodwin. On March 7, 1896, Mr. Roberts died, and soon the firm took its present name —Tucker & Goodwin—and Mr. Tucker's connection with same covers a period of twenty-two years.

Mr. Tucker is a member of the Twentieth Century Club, and of the Park Church, Hartford. He is unmarried.

EMIL SCHMIDT, proprietor, manufacturer and patentee of the celebrated "English Horse and Cattle Food," is a native of Germany, born Sept. 20, 1850, in the city of Weimar, Thuringia, called also Ilm Athen. He came to the city of Hartford Aug. 2, 1867, directly from the Fatherland, and entered the night school and Mr. Martin's Writing School, later attending Hannum's Commercial College for three seasons, Father R. Cecil Roy's French School, Quebec, Mlle. M. A. Girard's Department of Montreal, and Dr. A. Jo. Pagett's, of Lacolle, Canada. He thus fitted himself for business, and mastered English, French and German in all branches for business use, after many years of toil and perseverance. His training has proved of much advantage in his present affairs, as he does business with different countries and people.

When Mr. Schmidt first settled in Hartford he entered the employ of Robert H. Schmidt, as a file and tool maker, and later was in the Colt Co.'s works. After his training at Hannum's College he learned the wholesale tobacco business in all its details, with Major M. Westphal, the veteran tobacco merchant, also traveling for the concern. From 1880 to 1886 he was a trusted employe of the Hartford City Gas Light Co., as a collector, and finally established himself in the manufacturing of "English Horse and Cattle Food," in which he has built up a substantial and growing business over the States and Canada, meeting with well-merited success through good business acumen, sound judgment, and characteristic perseverance.

Mr. Schmidt was married March 8, 1877, to Miss Sarah A. Faddow, born in Sheldon, Vt., a daughter of Abraham Faddow, a farmer and professional guide for government and private expeditions. Mrs. Schmidt's mother is a descendant of Jules Bunoir, a French Huguenot of Toulon, who was a soldier in the American Revolution. He settled on Grand Isle, Lake Champlain, and at Albany Springs, Vt., about 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have no children. They are members of the Congregational Church, and their home, No. 8 Bond street, is one of the most hospitable in the city. Socially our subject is a member of Putnam Phalanx battalion, a veteran of Company A, Germania Guard, C. N. G., and one of the charter members of said organization; member of the Hartford Sharp Shooting Verein; Sængerbund; Colt Revolver Club; League of American Wheelmen; and German Aid Society. Business takes him from home a good deal, and he travels all over the United States, from North to South, and from East to West.

Carl F. Schmidt, father of our subject, was a native of Weimar. He was a file and tool maker, and master temperer, being a substantial citizen of that ancient and famous place, for it was in the dear old home that the poets Schiller, Goethe, Wieland, Herder, the celebrated Franz Liszt, Bulow, Grand Duke Carl August, and many other men of distinction worked, lived and died—the city of beautiful parks, castles, lovely mountains, valleys, clear pebble-bedded rivers, brooks and springs, with miles of green meadows, and vineyards dotting the verdure-clad hilltops. There in peace rest the parents since 1890," Auf den Friedhof." Frau Johanna Renecke, the mother, was a descendant of a Greek political refugee, sculptor, architect and master builder in the city of Weimar, the home of Mr. Schmidt. Johannis Renecke, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, was a companion and friend of the great Schiller, and later on was intimately associated with Goethe. Mr. Renecke died in Weimar at the age of ninety-six years, in his stately home upon the Fursten Platz. Emil

Schmidt possesses several mementoes of Schiller and Goethe, among them some locks of hair, chains and medalions of Schiller, which he prizes very highly. Mr. Schmidt has one brother and two sisters: Richard F. Schmidt, of No. 938 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., a retired merchant; Alma, wife of Charles Wagner, a furniture dealer of Hartford; and Lina, wife of Gustav Pfennig, Stallupoenen, West Prussia, Germany, an officer in the German army, Luppey Department.

HERBERT NELSON GALE, prominent as an original and artistic photographer, Bristol, was born in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., April 2, 1858, a son of Daniel Jackson Gale, a native of Vermont.

Daniel Gale left his home in the Green Mountain State in 1855, and located in Wisconsin. He was a man of remarkable mechanical skill, and was the inventor of a number of ingenious contrivances. His most complicated invention was a calendar clock, which gave the days of the week, month, year, sunrise and sunset. In 1869 he returned to New England, and located in Bristol, Conn., to place his clock in the hands of the E. N. Welch Clock Co., with whom he remained for several years. He married Lucy Ann Wheeler, a native of New York State, who bore him three children: Herbert Nelson; Floyd H.; and Ella, wife of Howard G. Arms, chief of police, Bristol.

Herbert N. Gale passed his early school days in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and completed his education in the Bristol high school. When only a boy he gave evidence of great artistic talent, his freehand drawing being considered remarkable. As he grew older he took up portrait work, and, finally deciding to become a photographer, studied his trade, serving an apprenticeship which fitted him to become a skilled workman. He has made a successful photographer, keeping abreast of the times and up-to-date in all of his methods. In 1878 he established himself in the photographic business, and opened the gallery he still occupies, meeting with the success his talents so well merit. He has made many inventions applied to the photographer's art, and was the originator of the Gale Glass Photo Mount, which became a standard article of the photographic trade throughout the United States.

On Nov. 30, 1880, Mr. Gale was united in marriage with Miss Lola M. Whitman, of Terryville. Fraternally Mr. Gale is a member of the I. O. O. F., and socially both he and his wife are deservedly popular among their acquaintances.

HENRY DUDLEY ELY, a well-known resident of Hartford, was born Feb. 10, 1863, in Brooklyn, N. Y., but comes of an old family of Hartford county, his father, John R. Ely, having been born Aug. 31, 1836, in Simsbury, where his grandfather, Henry Ely, resided.

Benjamin Ely, great-grandfather of our subject, was a son of Ezra and Anne Ely, born at Lyme, Conn., July 18, 1767, and died Aug. 26, 1852. He married April 14, 1796, Polly Pettibone, daughter of Dudley and Mary Pettibone, born in Simsbury, Conn., Sept. 19, 1776, and died June 17, 1850. Their children were as follows: Ezra Styles, born May 17, 1797, died October, 1863; Edwin Dwight, born June 30, 1798, died Aug. 25, 1831; Mary Anne, born Nov. 16, 1800, died Nov. 7, 1875; Henry, grandfather of Henry D., is mentioned more fully farther on; Seth, born April 20, 1805, died April 28, 1828; Nathan C., born Sept. 13, 1807, is deceased; Rosetta, born Nov. 10, 1809, died Oct. 18, 1831; Nancy Humphrey, born Oct. 6, 1812, died April 19, 1877; and Dudley P., born Nov. 16, 1817, is also deceased.

Henry Ely, grandfather of our subject, born Oct. 25, 1802, died Oct. 17, 1849. For some time prior to his decease he carried on a store and farm in North Simsbury, his land lying on the bank of the old canal, near what is now called Hoskins Station. On Nov. 9, 1833, he married Caroline St. John, who was born June 23, 1815, and is also deceased.

John R. Ely, father of Henry D., received his education in his native town and in Brooklyn, N. Y. From the age of sixteen years he spent the greater part of his life in Brooklyn and New York City, working for Dudley P. and Nathan C. Ely, of New York, whom he and his brother succeeded in business. Mr. Ely died Sept. 2, 1895. In May, 1862, he married Miss Rebecca H. Cooper, of New York, who was born Sept. 10, 1841, and died Jan. 16, 1867. They had two children, Henry D. and George C., the latter now a resident of New York. Mrs. Ely's father, John Davidson Cooper, was born June 19, 1810, at Kingston, N. Y., and died June 17, 1878. For a number of years he lived on Long Island, in what is now a part of Greater New York.

Henry D. Ely spent his earlier life in Simsbury, Bloomfield and Granby, attending the common schools in those places, and later the High Street school and the Public High School in Hartford, as well as a business college. For a time he was employed by his uncle, William R. Adams, in Bloomfield, and subsequently, in Brooklyn, N. Y., he was engaged for one and one-half years by his father. Going to Kansas he bought a ranch—3,960 acres by deed and 160 acres by claim—which he stocked with sheep, cattle and horses, and which he conducted for two years, selling out at the end of that time and removing to Shoals, Martin Co., Ind. There he bought a store and mill, and continued in business for eighteen months, thence returning to Kansas, where, at Ottawa, he engaged in milling for a time, but he was so unsuccessful in this venture that he withdrew in debt. Buying a livery stable, "on tick," he set to work to retrieve himself, and succeeded in paying off all his indebtedness, as well as regaining a firm footing in the business world. From there he removed to Joplin, Mo., where he was engaged in the dry-goods business, and thence to Huntington, Ark., where he was employed in the general store of a

large coal company, and his next location was in Kansas City, Mo., where he was employed on the Metropolitan railroad until he had the misfortune to have one of his legs cut off. Returning East, Mr. Ely lived with his father for a time, and also spent a short period in Bloomfield, and since his father's decease he has made his home in Hartford, where he has large real-estate holdings. The care of his real estate consumes the greater part of his time and attention. Mr. Ely is a pleasant, cordial gentleman, as all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance will agree.

Mr. Ely was married Jan. 22, 1896, in Hartford, to Miss Carrie Louise Hubbard, of Bloomfield, Conn., daughter of James E. Hubbard, of that town, but now a resident of Hartford.

WILLIAM ROBERTS ADAMS, a prominent farmer of Bloomfield, was born July 15, 1831, on his present farm, which was then included in the town of Simsbury. He is a grandson of William Adams, Sr., who, as appears on a gravestone in St. Andrew's cemetery, was a son of Capt. William Adams; the latter was a son of Matthew Adams.

William Adams, Sr., was born Oct. 14, 1778, and died July 24, 1822. On May 2, 1798, he married Electa Roberts, who was born Oct. 30, 1775, and died Oct. 15, 1847. Children were born to their union as follows: William, Jr. (father of our subject), Oct. 10, 1799; Hiram, May 22, 1801 (died March 8, 1866); Byron, Feb. 23, 1803; Chester, Feb. 23, 1805 (died July 6, 1870); Watson, April 23, 1807 (died May 9, 1837); Tudor, April 30, 1809 (died Feb. 25, 1860); Electa C., Dec. 4, 1811 (died Feb. 4, 1831); Edwin R., Feb. 11, 1814 (died March 22, 1814); James M., Aug. 26, 1817 (died June 20, 1868).

William Adams was born in what is now Bloomfield town Oct. 10, 1799, and died June 4, 1871. He received his education in the private school conducted by Rev. Mr. Warner. On Nov. 25, 1827, he was married, in Bloomfield, to Miss Fluvia K. Barnard, who was born Sept. 30, 1799, daughter of Samuel Barnard, and died Feb. 5, 1894, and to this union came children as follows: Sarah Maria, born Sept. 20, 1828, died Aug. 25, 1831; Mary J., born Jan. 7, 1830, and died Sept. 7, 1831; William R. was born July 14, 1831; Sarah J., born March 28, 1834, died Aug. 26, 1837; Harriet F., born June 5 1839, married H. W. Rowley, of Bloomfield, where he was postmaster and merchant many years; Andrew S., born Nov. 29, 1840, died Nov. 17, 1859. The father of these was a farmer by occupation, and was prominent in his locality in various ways, holding different town offices, and representing his district in the Assembly. He was a Democrat in political sentiment, and in religious connection united with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Bloomfield, of which he was warden for many years.

William R. Adams received his literary training in the public schools of Bloomfield and Simsbury, and he has spent his entire life on the old home farm, which he is still successfully cultivating. He was married in Bloomfield to Miss Ellen H. Ely, of Simsbury, and they have had three children: William R., John J. and Henry Ely. Like his father, Mr. Adams is a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as warden. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served his fellow citizens faithfully as assessor and justice of the peace.

WILFRED ETHIEL FOGG, contractor, builder and designer, dealer in lumber, timber, shingles, lath, etc., and manufacturer of sash, doors, window frames, etc., Bristol, is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 13, 1859, in Winchester.

Joseph Fogg, grandfather of our subject, born May 31, 1800, died in Bridgewater, Conn., March 5, 1838. He was a shoe manufacturer, having learned the trade at Lynn, Mass., and had a shoe factory in Bridgewater which gave employment to some forty hands. He married Susannah Hilbert, who was born in 1800 at Marblehead, Mass., and their children were as follows: (1) Joseph H married Lorena Merwin, of Brookfield, Conn., who died Jan. 11, 1897; he lives in Hartford, and is an engineer by trade. (2) Nicholas is deceased. (3) Susannah is deceased. (4) Nicholas Hilbert, sketch of whom follows. (5) John Calcutt married Ellen Fenn; he is a contractor in bridge work, and makes his home in Waterbury. (6) George married Helen Allen, and is now living in Colorado, where he owns a fruit and berry ranch. (7) Charles married Elizabeth Munson; he is a sash, door and blind manufacturer in Bridgeport.

Nicholas Hilbert Fogg, father of Wilfred E., was born Dec. 4, 1828, in Troy, N. Y., whence, when he was four years old, his parents removed to Bridgewater, Conn. When he was nine years of age he lost his father by death, and he was then bound out to Anson Herd, in Bridgewater, until he was sixteen years old, during which time he received his schooling. He was then apprenticed to Joel Morehouse for five years, at the carpentering business, and during the last year of his apprenticeship was foreman of the work. He had the job of laying out the timber for Ethiel (or Ithiel) Emmons' new house, in West Morris, and while so engaged met his future wife, Alcey Marie Emmons, eldest daughter of said Ethiel Emmons. After serving his time he embarked in business on his own account, and soon had a horse and wagon and set of tools—all paid for. He first kept house on South Willow street, Waterbury, Conn., afterward buying property there, which he sold about the time of the breaking out of the Civil war, and then bought a farm in Bantam, Conn. This he sold five years later (spring of 1869) to his wife's brother, Ira A., removing to Southington, where he bought a farm of George Finch on Queen street, two miles above the town. In 1895 he exchanged this for property on High street, in the center of the town, where he is

still living; he has always been either a Whig or a Republican, but has never had time to take much active interest in politics, and at present he occupies himself in looking after his real-estate interests.

On March 7, 1852, Nicholas H. Fogg married Alcey Marie Emmons, who was born in West Morris, Conn., July 8, 1833, and whose ancestry will be found farther on in this sketch. Children have been born to this union as follows: (1) Nellie S., born Sept. 9, 1857, in Waterbury, Conn., was twice married, first time Oct. 1, 1879, to Joseph Willie Hobart, who died in October, 1881. She married (second) Oct. 9, 1884, Wilbur Leslie Wright, a clock maker by trade, by whom she has two children, Howard Fogg, born Dec. 31, 1885; and Earle Emmons, born Dec. 10, 1887, both attending the Bristol schools. (2) Wilfred E. is the subject of sketch. (3) Cora, born Dec. 24, 1861, died in August, 1864, in Bantam, Conn. (4) Nettie Almira, born Dec. 28, 1866, is living in Bristol. (5) Nicholas Joseph, born Dec. 9, 1875, in Southington, Conn., is a carpenter in Bristol.

Ancestry of Mrs. Alcey Marie (Emmons) Fogg: (I) William Emmons, born in England, came to Taunton, Mass., in 1718, and bought real estate. Removing to South Farms, Litchfield county, in 1733, he passed the rest of his life there; by occupation he was a farmer. He was one of the founders of the First Episcopal Church, Nov. 5, 1745. In England he had married, his wife's name being Sarah, and their children were: William, born in England; Woodruff, born on shipboard; and Lydia, Arthur and Tabitha, born in America.

(II) Arthur Emmons, born Aug. 28, 1731, in Taunton, Mass., died in Litchfield Aug. 19, 1804. He and his wife, Sarah, had children: Russell, Jesse, Phinehas, Arthur, Jr., Isaac, Sarah, Orange and Oliver.

(III) Arthur Emmons, born in Litchfield June 14, 1757, kept a store in Bantam, Conn., but about 1810 failed in business, which so discouraged him that he decided to remove to some new field, choosing Butternuts, now known as Gilbertsville, N. Y. He married Nov. 6, 1777, Elizabeth Palmer, and by her had three children: Emos, Edmond and Lauren.

(IV) Emos Emmons, born April 6, 1780, died Feb. 24, 1861, married Sally Weeks, who was born April 1, 1783, in Washington, Conn., and died April 1, 1844. Their children: Ithiel (or Ethiel), Laura, Samuel (1), Samuel (2), Eliza, Lucius and Lucia.

(V) Ithiel (or Ethiel) Emmons, born in Litchfield, Conn., July 6, 1802, died in West Morris, Conn., Feb. 8, 1873. He was married in Torrington, Conn., Oct. 14, 1827, to Almira Leach, born in Torrington May 13, 1804, died Feb. 2, 1875. Their children: Orson C.; Alison Miles, Alcey Marie (mother of our subject), Ira Abbott, Matilda A., and George E.

Wilfred E. Fogg, whose name introduces this sketch, was born, as already related, in Winchester, Conn., where his parents were making their home at the time, his father having a large building contract on hand in that town. Our subject received his education in Waterbury up to the age of ten years, at which time his parents removed to Southington, where he continued his schooling, attending also Lewis Academy, in that place, for two years. After leaving school he commenced learning carpentering with his father, at which trade he continued in Southington. During the last year he was in that town he was engaged in the contracting business for himself.

In December, 1881, Mr. Fogg came to Bristol, and fairly established himself as a contractor and builder, in which line of business he has since been successfully engaged; he also does architectural work, originating and drafting the designs for many of the buildings for which he takes contracts. Since commencing in Bristol he has taken the contracts for and completed the following: Masonic Temple; large foundry buildings of the Terry Foundry Co., in Terryville; Liberty Bell Co.'s factory; Clayton Bros.' factory, and the Armory, on North Main street, Bristol; Swedish Evangelical church; additions to Barnes' spring factory, and the Codling Mfg. Co.'s factory, as well as the following residences, also in Bristol: Edson Peck's, on Summer street; E. G. Hubbell's on Bellevue street; and Dr. Hull's on Main street. In 1886 he bought out Joseph Sigourney's confectionery store, corner of Main and North Main streets. He also deals in lumber, timber, shingles, lath, etc., and is engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, and window frames.

On July 2, 1884, Mr. Fogg was united in marriage with Florence Esther Wright, who was born Jan. 9, 1850, a daughter of Filbert Leander and Sabrina (Merrill) Wright, a sketch of whom appears in that of William H. Wright, elsewhere. No children have been born to this union.

In his political predilections Mr. Fogg is a stanch Republican, has served on the board of burgesses three years, is chairman of the Building committee, and has been chairman of the Street committee of the borough for the past two years. In May, 1900, he was elected warden of Bristol. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., and of Pequabuck Chapter, No. 56, R. A. M. He was also a member of the K. of P., Ethan Lodge, No. 9, and Hull Division, No. 5, U. R., as well as of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., all of Bristol; but owing to pressure of business he was obliged to give these up, still retaining his membership, however, through an honorary card. He is one of the busiest and most prominent men in Bristol, a useful, loyal citizen, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all.

AUSTIN CURTIS, a prominent merchant of Bristol, was born Aug. 7, 1836, in Burlington, Conn., a son of Henry Curtis, who was born Aug. 13, 1810, and attained the age of seventy-three

years, departing this life Dec. 31, 1883. Henry Curtis was a farmer, and his industry and perseverance were crowned with the full measure of success which attention to business merits. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as tax collector for a number of years. He was a member of the Methodist Church. On Jan. 2, 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dowd, of Harwinton, Conn., who was born Nov. 1, 1805, and died Jan. 3, 1884. Four children were born to them as follows: (1) Royal, born Dec. 21, 1833, died Aug. 1, 1880; he was a machinist, and lived in New York State the greater part of the time. (2) An infant died June 10, 1835. (3) Austin, the subject of this sketch. (4) Evaline, born Sept. 30, 1838, was married to Thompson Root, and died in Bristol April 8, 1881.

Henry Curtis was a son of Joshua Curtis, who died Jan. 14, 1842. He, too, was a tiller of the soil. His wife Polly bore him eight children: Philo, Simeon, Sylvester, Corydon, Henry, Sylesta, Amy and Laura.

Austin Curtis received his schooling in Burlington. At the age of sixteen years he went to work for John Doolittle in Bristol, with whom he remained about one year; he then started a meat market on Main street, Bristol, which he conducted for about twelve years. At the end of this time he sold out to Levi Moulthrop, and engaged in buying and selling horses and cattle, which occupation he pursued most successfully for about six years. He then opened a general merchandise store in the Curtis Block, corner of Laurel and North Main streets, handling dry-goods, boots and shoes, millinery, etc. In this business he is still engaged. Mr. Curtis possesses sound business judgment, a vast amount of perseverance, and great energy. Many of the finest residences and business blocks in Bristol stand as monuments to his indomitable courage and progressiveness. He built what is now known as the Skelly Block, and later erected the house that is now owned by P. H. Condon. He also built the postoffice building on North Main street, several dwelling houses in various parts of the town, four houses on Summer street, and in 1897 he built his present attractive home at the corner of Summer and Centre streets.

In politics Mr. Curtis is a Democrat, as his father had been. He is loyal to his party, serving faithfully, though always declining to hold office.

On Sept. 18, 1861, Mr. Curtis was married to Lucy Joanna Steele, of Bristol, who was born March 26, 1861, daughter of Charles and Jane (Parmelee) Steele. This union has been blessed with two children: (1) Charles Henry, of Bristol, born Oct. 14, 1864, was married March 2, 1887, to Mamie Smith, of Forestville, who was born in 1869, a daughter of Royal Smith (Charles H. Curtis is a conductor between Hartford and Willimantic on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., with which road he has been for many years, and his faithful services are fully appreciated by the company whom he served and by the patronizing public); (2) George Austin, born July 11, 1875, and died Aug. 31, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Curtis attend the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Curtis is a communicant. They are active in the church work, and contribute amply to its support financially and sociany. Mrs. Austin is president of the Ladies Aid Society. Mr. Austin, like many of our ablest statesmen and financiers, is a self-made man. He has always been very successful in all his undertakings, and is a worthy example for the rising generation to emulate.

PATRICK McGOVERN has been a resident of Hartford for over thirty years. His first experience in the city was as clerk and bookkeeper in a large mercantile house; but for the past twenty-one years he has occupied an important position in the office of the Ætna Life Insurance Co. Mr. McGovern has been a member of both branches of the city government, and for seven years was acting president of the board of aldermen. He was the Republican member of the town auditors for many years, his services as such terminating with the consolidation of the town and city. Mr. McGovern was chairman of the Republican town committee, and under his management the party obtained and held control of the city, the influence of which was felt throughout the State. For many years he was an important factor in keeping Hartford, which was naturally Democratic, in the Republican ranks. To him is due much credit for what was accomplished in this particular. Mr. McGovern is public-spirited—always acting for the city's interests. His loyalty to, and his indomitable energy in behalf of, his friends have given him prominence in political and social circles. As a business man he has been successful, and he bestows liberally upon others less fortunate.

TRUMAN COWLES, a well-known agriculturist residing on South street, Hartford, was born Feb. 14, 1844, in Bethlehem, Conn., son of David M. and Alma (Merriam) Cowles. His father was a native of Bethlehem, followed farming at that place throughout life, and died at the age of eighty-two years. This worthy citizen was a devout Methodist, and helped to build the church at Bethlehem, where he served as deacon for many years. His wife, Alma Merriam, who died aged sixty-five years, was born and reared in Watertown, Conn., and taught school for some time previous to her marriage. Of their eight children six are living: Edward, a resident of Woodbury; Oliver; Wealthy, who married John Porter, and resides in Bethlehem; David, in Bethlehem; Horace, a resident of Litchfield; and Truman.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Bethlehem, and assisted in farm work at the homestead until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then spent a year in farming on Long Island, and in 1866 settled in Hartford, taking a position as clerk in a meat market. Six years later he engaged in the meat business on his own account, and for twenty-three years he had a market at No. 84

Main street. At the time of his retirement, in 1894, he was among the oldest business men in the city, and one of the best known. He purchased thirty acres of land where he resides soon after going to Hartford, and in 1872 built his present residence. In 1873 he built a block in Alden street, and he also owns and conducts the old homestead of 200 acres in Bethlehem.

In 1869 Mr. Cowles married Miss Martha Magee, who was born in Boston, Mass., daughter of John Magee, a blacksmith, and his wife Jane (Sygh), a lady of Scottish descent, who died at the home of our subject at the age of eighty-six. They had a family of ten children, and three are living: Ann, who married Hugh Robinson, of Omaha, Neb.; Hugh; and Martha, Mrs. Cowles. Our subject and his wife have had eleven children, of whom nine are living: Emily married a Mr. Snow, of Norfolk, Va., and has one son, Malcolm; Margaret married William Green, of Hartford, and has one son, Alfred; Mary married Daniel Harrington, and has two children, Martha Jane and Lester; Almer is at home; Louisa is in Norfolk, Va.; Daisy is at home; Miss Cornelia is attending Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Truman D. is at home; William; Oliver died at the age of four years; and one died in infancy. The children were all educated in the South School and Public High School of Hartford, and at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. Mr. Cowles and his family attend the Congregational Church, but Mrs. Cowles was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which her parents were devout members.

WILLIAM WHETTEN HUNTINGTON, a resident of West Hartford, is a native of Hartford county, born in Hartford, Dec. 9, 1841. He is of the eighth generation from the original American ancestor of the family, Simon Huntington, the line of descent being through Christopher, John, John (2), John (3), Hezekiah and Francis Junius.

Francis J. Huntington, father of our subject, was born in Suffield, Conn., Dec. 3, 1802, and there spent his early school days. In 1843 he removed to what is now the home of our subject, on Prospect Hill, West Hartford. For many years he was a successful publisher of music books in Hartford and New York, and he died in the latter city Feb. 5, 1878. On Sept. 1, 1833, he married Miss Stella Bradley, daughter of Michael Bull, and to them came seven children: Helen, born Jan. 3, 1836, died Feb. 18, 1839; Francis, born Nov. 2, 1837, died Sept. 3, 1838; Francis (2), born Sept. 1, 1839, died April 28, 1842; William Whetten, our subject, is next in the order of birth; Edward Bouverie, born Feb. 5, 1844, is a resident of California; Margaret Kent, born Jan. 5, 1846, died July 1, 1876; and Archibald Dunbar, born Nov. 26, 1851, is a resident of Connecticut.

William W. Huntington was educated in New York City, Paris, (France), and Hamburg (Germany). For five years he was with the firm of Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, Mass., and was then junior member of the firm of Bunce & Huntington, publishers, New York, for one year. Subsequently he was associated with his father in the publishing business for thirteen years prior to the latter's death. He lives at the old homestead on Prospect Hill, and since 1878 his attention has principally been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He takes considerable interest in public affairs, especially those pertaining to education, and is a member of the school board of West Hartford, now serving as its secretary.

Mr. Huntington was married in West Hartford, June 1, 1876, to Miss Harriet Bradley Beach, who was born Sept. 20, 1850, a daughter of Charles M. Beach.

ARTHUR L. FOSTER, who enjoys the enviable distinction of being the most extensive dealer in clothing and gents furnishings, etc., in Hartford, and probably second to none in the State, is a native of Vermont, born Jan. 19, 1858, in Moretown, Washington county.

Mr. Foster comes of English lineage, his great-great-grandfather having emigrated from England to Vermont and first locating in what is now the city of Manchester, later becoming one of the first settlers of Moretown, where he passed the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-nine years. His son John (grandfather of Arthur L.), a lifelong agriculturist of that locality, died in comparatively early life, at the age of forty-five. One of the highly prominent citizens of the community, he served on juries and as selectman, and represented his town in the Legislature. By his wife Abbie (Atherton), of Waterbury, Conn., who died in 1868, he had four children, one of whom, Ruel by name, is living in Newark, Vermont.

Charles A. Foster (father of our subject) was born in Moretown, Vt., was reared on the homestead, and educated in the district schools. On the death of his father he took charge of the home farm, subsequently purchasing adjoining lands until he owned in all some 300 acres of the most beautiful part of Vermont, so attractive in every way as to be found worthy of a place in the work known as "Picturesque America," and to be immortalized on canvas, our subject having in his possession paintings of different views of the place, painted from photographs taken by himself. Charles A. Foster was not only a leading man in the locality, but also one of the most popular, and held all the offices in the town, including those of selectman, and representative. In addition to his farming interests he owned a store in Vermont.

Charles A. Foster married Hulda Hathaway, born in East Montpelier, Vt., a daughter of Paul Hathaway, a farmer of that locality, who died at the age of eighty-four years; his family was from New Bedford, Mass., and became prominent in the affairs of East Montpelier. Two of Mrs. Hulda Foster's sisters are yet living, one of whom is Mrs. David Plimber, of Winchester, Mass. To C. A.

Foster and his wife were born ten children, six of whom are living, as follows: Ella, wife of W. A. Crown, of Taunton, Mass.; John, in Bridgeport, Conn.; Julia, wife of T. H. McElroy, of Haverhill, Mass.; Charles, in Taunton, Mass.; Arthur L., the subject proper of these lines; and Jesse, in Pittsfield, Mass. The mother died at the age of sixty-eight years, a consistent member of the M. E. Church.

Arthur L. Foster passed the earlier years of his life on the home farm at Moretown, Vt., attending the common schools of the district, and at the age of eleven years went to Clinton, Mass., to live with his uncle John R. There he completed his education, and commenced his remarkable business career in the humble capacity of "shop boy" in his uncle's clothing store. From there he removed to Holyoke, Mass., to fill the position of clerk in the Foster clothing store there, which was one of the "Foster combination" started by his uncle in 1859. The latter had at one time twelve stores, for which he did all the buying, and later the company (J. L. Besse becoming a partner) owned no less than forty-three stores. After a year's residence in Holyoke, our subject moved to Waterbury, Conn., whence after two years he betook himself to Bridgeport, Conn., and there for three years conducted a clothing store for his brother John. From Bridgeport he went to Troy, N. Y., and opened a clothing store for a Boston house, remaining there six months; then together with L. W. Besse, bought out H. C. Tennant, of Westfield, the business being continued under the name of Besse & Foster for three years, at the end of which time, in 1884, Mr. Foster bought out his partner's interest in that concern and became interested with Mr. Besse in another store, in Hartford, located at Nos. 45-47-49 Asylum street. After three years, the business having greatly increased, they found it necessary to add to their premises Nos. 53-55, and here they continued until 1890. In that year Mr. Foster bought out the interest of Mr. Besse, and at a cost of $40,000 fitted up the entire building with such luxurious taste and in such elegant style, not to speak of its commodiousness and conveniences, that it is allowed to be by far the finest clothing and ladies' and gents' furnishing store in New England, and one of the finest in the United States. Mr. Foster is, probably, the largest single buyer of clothing in the country, and not only keeps in stock all kinds of clothing and gents' furnishings, but also all kinds and sizes of tailor-made suits for ladies, buying in the great Besse syndicate. He began his business with three clerks, and now employs forty-two, and his motto is: "Most goods for the money, and everything as represented."

Mr. Foster has another store, in Portland, Maine, which he had fitted up at a cost of $16,000, and which gives employment to twenty-three clerks. On March 31, 1900, he opened a third store, in Syracuse, N. Y., 60x125 feet, in which are employed eighteen clerks. The managers of these several stores all learned their business under Mr. Foster himself. Our subject is also interested with F. M. McElroy in a clothing store at Haverhill, Mass., and in one, along with his brother Jesse, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

In 1881 Mr. Foster married Harriet Benham, of Bridgeport, Conn., who died in 1888 at the age of thirty-two years. He wedded July 6, 1898, Josephine Wilkinson, born in Troy, N. Y., but whose life before marriage was passed mainly in Santiago, Cal. The family residence is one of the finest in the city, its elegance and beauty being the admiration of all.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Foster are Congregationalists; he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Omioca Lodge, Westfield, and in politics he is a Republican. Beginning life a comparatively poor boy, Mr. Foster has steadily worked his way upward until to-day he ranks among the most substantial citizens of the community, owing his success to his own industry, perseverance, sound judgment, application and honorable dealing. Pleasant and genial in manner, he is very popular with all classes, and together with his amiable life partner commands the respect of all.

TAINTOR. For over two hundred and twenty-five years the name of Taintor and the families with which it has been allied, by marriage, have been prominent and influential citizens of their respective communities in Connecticut. Among those bearing the name in recent years we mention the late Hon. Henry G. Taintor, of Hampton, former State treasurer, and his sons, Hon. Henry Ellsworth, George Edwin and William Wolcott Taintor, all substantial citizens of Hartford.

These brothers are in the seventh generation from Michael Taintor, an early settler of Branford, Conn., where his death occurred in 1673, he being a son, it is said, of Charles Taintor, of Welsh origin, who came to this country to escape religious persecution. Their line of descent is through Michael (2), Michael (3), John, Solomon and Henry G. Taintor.

(II) Michael Taintor (2), son of Michael, of Branford, born in 1652, married (first) in 1679 Mary, daughter of Thomas Loomis. He moved to Windsor, and later to Colchester, where he was one of the first settlers. He served as town clerk from the town's settlement to the time of his death, in 1730, and was a member of the General Court twenty-six sessions.

(III) Michael Taintor (3), son of Michael (2), born in 1680, married in 1712 Eunice Foote, of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

(IV) John Taintor, son of Michael (3), born in 1725, married (second) in 1758 Sarah Bulkeley.

(V) Solomon Taintor, son of John, born in 1769, married in 1797 Judith Bulkeley, and removed in the same year to Hampton, Conn. He died in 1827.

(VI) Henry G. Taintor, son of Solomon, and the father of Hon. Henry E., George E. and Will-

iam W., all of Hartford, was born Feb. 17, 1813, in Hampton, Conn. He married Sept. 25, 1839, Delia W. Ellsworth, born in 1818, daughter of Martin and Sophia (Wolcott) Ellsworth, and granddaughter of Hon. Oliver Ellsworth, former chief justice of the United States, and a descendant in the fourth generation from Josias Ellsworth, who was at Windsor, Conn., as early as 1654, the line of his descent being through Josias, Jonathan and David Ellsworth.

Mr. Taintor was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Hampton. In 1866 he served as State treasurer. He was a man of good ability and considerable force of character. He died in March, 1889, greatly esteemed and highly respected. To his marriage with Delia W. Ellsworth were born children as follows: Henry E., Aug. 29, 1844; George E., Dec. 20, 1846; William W., July 9, 1851; Frederick, Nov. 12, 1855; and Mary E., Oct. 8, 1860. The mother died in January, 1889.

Henry Ellsworth Taintor, son of Henry G., was born Aug. 29, 1844, in the town of Hampton, Conn. He was prepared for college at Monson (Mass.) Academy, and entered Yale College in 1861, continuing his studies until his enlistment, Jan. 14, 1864, as a private in Company A, 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He performed honorable service with his regiment for nearly two years, being discharged as second lieutenant, on Sept. 25, 1865. Although not returning to complete his college course, Yale conferred on him the regular degree, A. B., the same as though he had completed the course of study. After the war had closed Mr. Taintor, in 1866, established his residence at Hartford, where he read law in the office of Chamberlain & Hall, and was admitted to the Bar in Hartford county in 1868. Since then he has been engaged uninterruptedly in the practice of his profession. He was executive secretary to Gov. Jewell in 1872-73, and also associate judge of the Hartford City Court at the same time. He was assistant judge of the Hartford City Court from 1889 to 1893. In 1891 he was appointed coroner of Hartford county, to succeed Hon. Lewis Sperry, an office he still holds. Judge Taintor has served several terms in the common council of Hartford, and also was for two years one of the board of aldermen. He was for many years clerk of the Hartford City Court. He is now vice-president of the Security Co. of Hartford; a trustee of the State Savings Bank, as well as one of the attorneys, and attorney for the Society for Savings on Pratt street; and a director of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. He is a member of the G. A. R., and has held various offices therein, including those of commander of the Department of Connecticut, and judge-advocate-general on the staff of the commander-in-chief. In politics he is a Republican. His religious connections are with the First Congregational Church of Hartford. There is not a lawyer in the State who has a more honorable standing before the Bar or the public.

On May 13, 1869, Judge Taintor was married to Miss Jane G., daughter of Lyman and Almira (Greene) Bennett, of Amsterdam, N. Y., and a descendant of an old Hampton (Conn.) family. To this marriage was born Harlan Henry, a graduate of Yale College, class of '92, who died April 17, 1893.

George Edwin Taintor, son of Henry G., was born Dec. 20, 1846, in Hampton, Conn. He received a liberal education, and has for years been engaged in real-estate operations as a resident and business man of the city of Hartford. He represents probably the largest real estate interests in the city—those of Francis and J. J. Goodwin. He is also a trustee of the Keney estate and Keney Park, another large estate. He is a director of the State Bank and of the Hartford Street Railway Co. Mr. Taintor married Oct. 25, 1870, Emily S., daughter of the late Hon. Gustavus F. Davis, of Hartford (whose sketch appears elsewhere), and to the union was born one daughter, Lucy Strong, Oct. 15, 1871.

William Wolcott Taintor, son of Henry G., was born July 9, 1851, in Hampton, Conn., where his early life was passed, and where he received his elementary education, later attending school in Brooklyn, Woodstock, and Hartford, all in Connecticut. He also attended the Hartford Public High School, when the building was at the corner of Asylum and Ann streets. After his school days were over he was for a time engaged in the wool jobbing business in New York City. He returned to Hartford in 1882, since which time he has been connected with the Hartford Ice Co., being at this time its efficient secretary and treasurer. On May 10, 1876, he was married to Eliza H., a native of New York City, and a daughter of William Miller, and to them have been born two daughters, Arline Deolph and Delia Ellsworth.

DAVIS. Through several generations the posterity of Rev. Gustavus Fellows Davis, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hartford from 1829 to 1836, have been men of prominence in the professional and business life of the city, where a number of his descendants are to-day active in their several walks of life, among them Dr. Gustavus Pierrepont Davis, physician and examiner for the Travelers Insurance Co., and Frederick Wendell Davis, sons of the late Hon. Gustavus Fellows Davis, who for fifty years was prominent among the bankers of Hartford.

Rev. Gustavus F. Davis was born March 17, 1797, in Boston, Mass., son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Fellowes) Davis. He was converted under the preaching of Rev. William Bentley, of Worcester, Mass., when in his sixteenth year, and united with the church in April, 1813. He began to preach at seventeen, his first field of labor being in Hampton, Conn. After a year he removed to Preston, and was ordained pastor of the church there in June, 1816. He served that charge three years, when he accepted an urgent call from the Baptist Church in South

Reading, Mass., and was publicly recognized as pastor April 23, 1818. He had keenly felt his inadequate preparation in the way of an education, and from the start had done the utmost by severe and persistent study to repair the deficiency. While at South Reading, Mass., in addition to his pastoral labors, he began a systematic course of study in Latin and Greek, often walking to Boston, a distance of ten miles, to receive instruction from Rev. Mr. Winchell, and from an entry in his diary it appears that he finished reading the Greek testament some three years later, with the Rev. Francis Wayland, Jr.

In the spring of 1829 Mr. Davis came to Hartford to assist the Rev. William Bentley, at that time laboring here in a revival of religion, and this circumstance led to his settlement in the city. He was publicly installed in the pastoral office July 29, 1829. During the seven years of his pastorate here the church prospered in every respect. He attended carefully to all details of organization and administration, and labored incessantly in prayer-meetings and special revival services. He made much of sacred music, and did everything to encourage and improve the choir, but his principal strength was in the pulpit. It was as a preacher that he was best known, both at home and abroad. For the pulpit he prepared himself carefully, but preached either without manuscript or from brief notes. He had a tenacious memory, and, as one of his hearers remarked, the "whole Bible was at his finger ends." His sermons were always studded with Scriptural gems. He was pre-eminently a Bible preacher, and was singularly apt and sometimes amusing in his selection of texts.

Dr. Davis had all through his life an exceptional interest in education. He secured the establishment of an academy at South Reading, Mass., where he then lived. He was the chief agent for collecting funds for the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, and had the satisfaction of seeing it well established before his death. He was interested in Newton Seminary, was trustee of Brown University, examiner at Wesleyan University, and, by appointment of Hon. Lewis Cass, Secretary of War in 1836, a member of the board of examiners of the United States Academy at West Point; also in 1831 he was elected one of the trustees of Washington (now Trinity) College. Waterville (Maine) College (now Colby University) and Yale College afterward conferred upon him the degree of M. A. His degree of D. D. was bestowed by Wesleyan University in 1835. In August, 1836, while on a visit to friends in Boston, he was taken sick, and his useful life was brought suddenly to a close. He died Sept. 11, 1836, in the fortieth year of his age. Dr. Davis had special traits of character. He was by natural constitution buoyant and self-reliant, full of hope and cheer; this, added to his hearty, courteous manner, made him a universal favorite. Everybody knew him; everybody loved him.

On Jan. 5, 1817, Dr. Davis was married to Abigail Leonard.

Gustavus F. Davis, son of Rev. Gustavus F. Davis, D. D., was born Jan. 4, 1818, in North Stonington, Conn., and the family removed that year to South Reading, Mass., where he remained until he was eleven years of age, at which time his father accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Hartford, and the family came to this city. Young Davis was educated in the grammar schools of Hartford, and at Hartford Academy. At the age of eighteen, in 1836, he was left fatherless, the eldest of five children. When fifteen years old he entered the employ of the Phœnix Bank, and remained for six years, at the expiration of which time he was sent to Litchfield, Conn., and entrusted with the branch of that institution located there. He remained in Litchfield until 1851, when he returned to Hartford to take the cashiership of the City Bank, which had just been organized. After the removal of Edmund G. Howe, its first president, to New York, in 1857, Mr. Davis was chosen president of the bank, and remained at the head continuously from that time until his death, April 28, 1896. He was identified with a number of the leading financial corporations of the city, was president of the State Savings Bank, one of the oldest surviving directors of the Ætna Insurance Co., vice-president and director of the Travelers Insurance Co. from its organization until the election before his death. He was also president of the Hartford Dispensary, and treasurer of the South School District for nearly forty years.

In his political affiliations Mr. Davis was a Republican, of Whig antecedents, and voted in 1840 for William Henry Harrison. He never sought political preferment, but in 1880 he was elected by the Republicans of Hartford as representative in the Legislature; he declined a re-election. His religious connections were with the First Baptist Church of Hartford, of which church his father had been pastor from 1829 to 1836. He was a consistent Christian gentleman, of positive convictions, and of so equable a temperament that he impressed himself upon all who knew him as a man of fairest dealing and of strictest integrity. He had the universal confidence and esteem of a large business acquaintance, acquired through many years' connection with prominent financial institutions of Hartford, and as a citizen and friend he won lasting regard and affection.

On May 14, 1839, Mr. Davis was married to Lucy Terry Strong, who was born Aug. 24, 1817, a daughter of the late William Strong, of Hartford, who was a descendant in the sixth generation from John Strong, of England, an early settler at Windsor, Conn. The children who survived the father are residents of Hartford, and are: (1) Charlotte Maria, born in Litchfield, Conn., March 4, 1840, married June 15, 1862, Rev. Wilder Smith, who was born July 11, 1835. He was graduated from Yale College in 1857, and was a tutor there

1859-61. He was settled as pastor at Berlin, Conn., 1862-66; at Milwaukee, 1866, later at Rockford, Ill., but resided in Hartford the latter part of his life. They have two daughters, Edith; and Alice, who married C. F. Weiles. (2) Gustavus Pierrepont Davis is mentioned below. (4) Frederick Wendell Davis was born Sept. 9, 1855, in Hartford, and there passed his early school days, and was graduated from the high school in 1873, from Yale College with the degree of B. A. in 1877, in which year he went to Kentucky, and engaged in the saddlery business with M. W. Smith until 1881; the last three years of his connection with Mr. Smith, however, were passed in New Orleans (1878-1881). He returned to Hartford and engaged in the manufacturing business until 1896, since which time he has been connected with J. J. & F. Goodwin. He married Lucy Trumbull, of Hartford, who died in New Orleans Feb. 1, 1881, leaving one child, Carl Wyllis, born Oct. 27, 1880. Mr. Davis then married Mary Taintor, sister of George E. Taintor, and by this union is the father of four children: Dorothy Wendell, born March 12, 1886; Roger Wolcott, born Jan. 8, 1890; Frederick Ellsworth, born March 11, 1892; and Elise Pierrepont, born Nov. 27, 1897. Fraternally Mr. Davis belongs to the Delta Kappa Epsilon. (3) Emily Strong Davis, born June 22, 1847, in Litchfield, Conn., is now Mrs. George E. Taintor, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Gustavus Pierrepont Davis, M. D., physician and medical examiner for the Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, was born Jan. 16, 1845, in Litchfield, Conn. He was graduated from Yale College in 1866, then spent a year in the study of medicine in Paris. He was graduated from the New York Medical College in 1869, and for a period was a physician in the Charity Hospital there. He has been in Hartford since 1870, and connected with the Travelers Insurance Co. since 1875. He is on the Hospital staff, and is a member of the City, County and State Medical Societies. He married Elise Mitchell, and they have four children: Elizabeth M., Arthur W., Louise P., and Helen Fitch.

HON. HENRY CORNELIUS ROBINSON (deceased) was born Aug. 28, 1832, in Hartford, son of David Franklin Robinson. He was prepared for college in the Hartford Grammar School and the high school of the same city, and was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1853. Two years later (in 1855) he received the degree of A. M., and that of LL. D. in 1888. He studied law in the office of his brother Lucius F. Robinson, and with Judge William L. Storrs, and was admitted to the Bar of Hartford county in 1855, at once entering into partnership with his brother, and continuing thus until the death of Lucius F., in 1861. From that time he practiced alone until the graduation of his eldest son, when a new partnership was formed, consisting of H. C. & L. F. Robinson.

From 1872 to 1874 Henry C. Robinson was mayor of Hartford. He had previously, in 1866, been fish commissioner. In 1889 he was commissioner from Connecticut at the Federal Constitutional Centennial. In 1879 he was a representative from Hartford in the General Assembly. Mr. Robinson was long attorney for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and one of its directors. He was attorney for the Connecticut Mutual Fire Insurance Co., the Pratt & Whitney Co., the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., and many more of the large and influential corporations of Hartford. He was a trustee of the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Co., and of the Wadsworth Athenæum; a member of the Hartford Tract Society; vice-president of the Connecticut and Hartford Bar Associations, and served as president of the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford. Mr. Robinson was thrice the Republican candidate for gubernatorial honors. He was a member of the Chicago Convention in 1880, and author of much of its platform. Mr. Robinson was an accomplished orator, and his public addresses were numerous and able. In his professional life he was concerned, for the last twenty-five years of his life, in most of the important suits in which the city of Hartford, its various departments, the State of Connecticut, and the Republican party, have at various times been made parties in court. Mr. Robinson died Feb. 14, 1900, at his home in Hartford, and testimonials from his fellow lawyers and associates in the different concerns with which he was connected, from his pastor, and from personal friends, unanimous in their expressions of praise and regret, gave evidence of the universal esteem in which he was held.

On Aug. 28, 1862, Mr. Robinson was married to Eliza Niles Trumbull, daughter of John F. Trumbull, of Stonington, Conn. The children born to the marriage were: Lucius F., Lucy T. (Mrs. S. T. Miller), Henry S., John T. and Mary S.

Lucius Franklin Robinson, son of Henry C. Robinson, and grandson of David Franklin Robinson, was born June 12, 1863, in Hartford. He was graduated from Yale College in 1885, studied law under the direction of his father in Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar in that city in 1887. He was a member of the city council in 1890-91, serving as president of the board in the latter year. He has served as a member of the fire commissioners for Hartford, and as president of the board of park commissioners, and is a director in several corporations of Hartford, among them the First National Bank.

ATKINS. Josiah Adkins is supposed to have been the first of his family in this country; just what date is not exactly known. He was married twice, as is shown by wills and records. His first wife was a sister of Edward Andrews (who was in Hartford as early as 1655), as shown by said Andrew's will, 1673, and three of Josiah's children were born of this marriage. His second union, on

Oct. 8, 1673, was to Elizabeth Wetmore, of Middletown. Previous to this time he had been in East Hartford and Wethersfield, where his eldest son and daughter married and remained, the second son going to Milford.

Descendants of Josiah's eldest son, Thomas, are the only branch presented in this genealogy. [For other lines, see Hinman's "Genealogy of the Puritans," Orcott's History of Wolcott, Craft's, Whately, of Massachusetts.] In this branch the spelling of the name was changed to Atkins about 1770. The family has not aspired to notoriety in public or political lines, for the most part following agricultural and mechanical pursuits. Positive in their political and religious convictions, they were faithfully served the churches of which they were members as deacons, trustees, or on committees, and Rev. Irenus, son of Samuel, was a minister, being pastor of the Baptist Church in Southington for twelve years; he also, during his life of nearly eighty-nine years, supplied without remuneration feeble churches. At the same time he was interested in manufacturing, for the support of his family, and together with his brothers was the pioneer of the saw manufacturing industry in this country; the reputation of their productions is as wide as the country, and has been added to by the offspring of the original establishment, The E. O. Penfield Saw Works, of Bristol, Conn., and The E. C. Atkins establishment, of Indianapolis, Ind., E. C. Atkins being a son of Rollin, one of the brothers in the partnership in the infancy of the business. George R. Atkins, an elder brother of E. C., has also been intimately associated therewith. All of the sons of Samuel followed to some extent manufacturing in connection with farming, tanning, shoemaking, wood turning, and the manufacture of horn combs and clocks, both wood and brass. Samuel, the father, was a weaver, and interested to some extent in shipping in early or middle life. The records of the State show that the Atkinses as a family have ever been ready to respond to the call of their country, whether in the deadly Havana expedition, the fierce struggle of the Revolution, or the sanguinary conflict of 1861-65. Never seeking political office, they have served their town as called upon satisfactorily, Roswell Atkins as judge of the probate court for a term of two years, when the age limit would be soon reached. He is a machinist and tool maker by trade, but by occupation a civil engineer, and though now in his seventy-fifth year is able to follow the lines all day, through woods, over hills, or wherever the business calls him.

(I) Josiah and ——— (Andrews) Adkins had children: Thomas is mentioned below; Samuel married Esther Welch, born in 1664, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Buckingham) Welch, of Milford; Elizabeth married Richard Gilman, of East Hartford. Children by second marriage: Sarah, born July 16, 1674 (died 1719); Abigail, Sept. 11, 1676; Solomon, July 25, 1678 (married May 18, 1709, Phebe Edwards, of Northampton, Mass.); Josiah, March 9, 1680 (married Dec. 10, 1708, Mary Wheeler, of Stratford); Benjamin, Nov. 19, 1682 (married June 8, 1709, Jane Stevens, of New Haven); Ephraim, March, 1685 (married June 16, 1709, Elizabeth Wetmore, of Middletown). Josiah Adkins died Sept. 14, 1690, his wife, Elizabeth, about 1700.

(II) Thomas Adkins, son of Josiah, in 1672 married Jane Williams, daughter of William and Jane (Westover) Williams, of Windsor. Children: Mary, born 1672, married John Elmer, of East Hartford, and died in 1722; Thomas, born 1673; William, born 1675; Jane, born 1678, married Joseph Elmer (born 1678) April 4, 1700 (he was a brother of John, above, of East Hartford); Sarah, born 1682, married Robert Reeves, of East Hartford (born 1675); Josiah, born 1685, married Johanna Barbour (he died soon afterward, and his widow married Benjamin Colt); Benoni, born 1690, is next in the line of descent.

(III) Benoni Adkins, born 1690, died April 28, 1756. On Aug. 20, 1715, he married Esther Hall, born Feb. 23, 1682, daughter of Thomas and Grace (Watson) Hall. Children: Thomas, born April 22, 1716, is mentioned below; Luthur, born 1718, is mentioned below; Esther, born June 1, 1720, maried Zebulon Deming, Dec. 18, 1740; Sarah, born April 1, 1722, married Zebulon Andrus, of Canaan, Nov. 12, 1747; Zealous, born Jan. 18, 1725, is mentioned below; Zuba, born May 5, 1727; Mary, born March 4, 1732, married (supposedly) Joseph Butler Oct. 27, 1768; Lois, baptized May 26, 1734.

(IV) Thomas Adkins, born April 22, 1716, married Feb. 8, 1738, Mary Aspinwall, daughter of Eleazer Aspinwall. Children: Mary, born Nov. 26, 1739, married July 17, 1766, Isaac Person, or Parsons; Actea, born Oct. 28, 1741; Rhoda, born Jan. 28, 1745, married Josiah Fowler, of Wallingford; Jerusha, born March 14, 1747; Samuel, born Jan. 17, 1750, is mentioned below; Thomas, born Oct. 10, 1752, died of camp fever 1776, while serving in the army.

(IV Luther Adkins, son of Benoni, born in 1718, married Nov. 14, 1745, Eunice Andrews, and died Aug. 3, 1788. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Children: Zilpa, baptized Nov. 11, 1744 (married Oct. 27, 1763, Stephen Pratt); Phebe, Sept. 21, 1746 (married Oct. 31, 1765, Asa Barnes); Benoni, Feb. 26, 1749 (married Sept. 20, 1769, Sarah Hitchcock, baptized Sept. 7, 1749); Eunice, Feb. 2, 1752; Elizabeth, June 16, 1754; Luthur, July 10, 1757 (removed to Westfield, Mass.); Chauncey, Nov. 15, 1761 (was in the army; he also went to Westfield).

(IV) Capt. Zealous Adkins, son of Benoni, born Jan. 18, 1725, married June 11, 1746, his wife's name being Abigail. He died July 28, 1785, she on March 5, 1809, aged seventy-four. Children: Abigail, baptized May 10, 1747; Jemima, Nov. 27, 1748; Lucy, Sept. 22, 1754 (married Feb. 23, 1775, Robert Webster); Charles, June 4, 1758

(on April 9, 1782, he married Rachel Sloper, and died in 1809; he was in the army); Mary, Sept. 14, 1766; Martha, Sept. 14, 1766.

(V) Samuel Adkins, son of Thomas, born Jan. 17, 1750, married Eunice Wightman, daughter of Rev. John Wightman. Children: Welthena, born March 13, 1774, married Simeon Upson, and had children—Sturges, Samuel, Rodney, and others. Hannah, born Feb. 27, 1776, married Isaac Allen, son of Abel, and had children—Rev. Orsamus Ezra, Alonzo, Welthena, Luanna and Avery. Thomas, born March 6, 1778, is mentioned below. Sabrina, born April 8, 1780, was married Jan. 11, 1803, to Dr. Merriman, born July 8, 1776, and had children—Earl Jefferson, born Nov. 2, 1803; Sherlett Eunice, born June 26, 1805; Silas Atkins, April 6, 1807; Sabrina Hastings, May, 1809; Roswell A., who married Margaret Drake. Avery, born Dec. 5, 1782, is mentioned below. Polly, born Feb. 28, 1785, married George Mitchell, and had children—[see Mitchell genealogy.] Cyntha, born Sept. 9, 1787, died Sept. 17, 1855, married (first) Roswell Hawley and (second) Benjamin Meigs (she had no children). Rollin, born Sept. 5, 1790, is mentioned below. Irenus, born Nov. 15, 1792, is mentioned below. Sally, born Feb. 16, 1795, died unmarried. Roswell, born April 8, 1798, died in 1818, in Georgia. Lloyd, born Oct. 22, 1800, is mentioned below.

(VI) Thomas Atkins, son of Samuel, born March 6, 1778, married Sylvia Neal, daughter of John and Phebe (Judd) Neal. He died April 8, 1825, she on July 29, 1860. Children: Levia, born 1800, married Jan. 1, 1822, David H. Frost, and they had three children, Jane, Sylvia and Mary Eliza. Merritt W., born April 13, 1804, is mentioned below. Nancy married Sept. 23, 1836, John Hendrick, and had two children, Augustus and George.

(VII) Merritt W. Atkins, son of Thomas Atkins, born April 13, 1804, married May 4, 1825, Mary Horton, who was born Oct. 26, 1806. He died June 15, 1873, she on April 17, 1881. Children: Thomas W., born Jan. 10, 1827, is mentioned below. Mary Ann, born March 22, 1831, married Sept. 26, 1852, Junius S. Oakley, born June 12, 1829; she died April 20, 1874. Carrie A., born Sept. 29, 1839, married Jan. 1, 1862, Randolph W. Cowles, died Dec. 16, 1863. Sarah Ann, born June 17, 1844, married Oct. 12, 1864, Herschel Baker, died Sept. 26, 1871. Charles E., born July 24, 1846, died April 6, 1869.

(VIII) Thomas W. Atkins, son of Merritt W., born Jan. 10, 1827, married (first) Sept. 10, 1848, Helen S. Oakley, who was born April 13, 1827, and died Dec. 5, 1859. Children: Henry O., born March 24, 1850, is mentioned below; Ella Viola, born April 6, 1852., married March 14, 1880, Clarence Bingham. On Dec. 25, 1862, Mr. Atkins married (second) Mary J. Nephew, of Ulysses, Penn., and they had children as follows: Nellie, Merritt William, Sarah Mary, and Bert. The father died Jan. 9, 1876.

(IX) Henry O. Atkins, son of Thomas W., married Oct. 20, 1872, Julia Hamick. Children: Charles Louis, born May 7, 1875, married May 18, 1898, Annie Moore, died Jan. 2, 1901; Harry Thomas, born July 8, 1880; Clarence Ray, born July 14, 1893.

(VI) Avery Atkins, son of Samuel, born Dec. 5, 1782, married Jan. 9, 1806, Irene Botsford, who was born in 1788. He died July 18, 1862, she on Jan. 28, 1858. Children: Samuel W., born March 30, 1808; Alden A., March 14, 1810; Elbridge Gerry, June 21, 1812; Valentine Augustus, Dec. 2, 1828.

(VII) Samuel W. Atkins, son of Avery, born March 30, 1808, died Feb. 12, 1884. On May 16, 1835, he married Mariah M. Dowd, who was born Feb. 3, 1818, and died Nov. 2, 1892. Children: (1) Ellen Irene, born Aug. 26, 1837, married Jan. 27, 1864, J. Fayette Douglas, born 1833, and they had three children, Clara M., born April 16, 1867; Junius Z., Sept. 22, 1876; and I. Fay, April 8, 1878. (2) George W., born Feb. 27, 1845, married June 8, 1870, Jennie A. Brown, born Nov. 22, 1849, and they had one child, C. Bernice, born Aug. 25, 1879. (3) Azzella M., born June 3, 1852, married Oct. 20, 1884, Watson Barnes, born Feb. 15, 1854.

(VII) Alden A. Atkins, son of Avery, born March 14, 1810, died Jan. 6, 1893. On Sept. 20, 1832, he married Adeline C. Bidwell, who died April 12, 1866, aged forty-six. Children: (1) Alden Irenus, born Feb. 14, 1837, died May 24, 1882, married April 7, 1881, Louisa N. Travers, born Oct. 25, 1859. They had one child, Adeline Louisa, born Jan. 12, 1882. (2) Mary Jane, born March 1, 1842, married Dec. 12, 1867, James L. Campbell, born March 7, 1832.

(VII) Elbridge Gerry Atkins, son of Avery, born June 21, 1812, died April 24, 1878. On Feb. 6, 1833, he married Emeline Curtis, born July 23, 1809, and died May 10, 1895. Children: (1) Avery I., born June 3, 1834, died July 14, 1892. On June 20, 1855, he married Sarah Ann Caldwell, born April 22, 1835. They had three children, Willie G., born July 26, 1865; Hattie Urania, June 15, 1867; Grace Emeline, April 13, 1875. (2) Urania was born Sept. 9, 1837. (3) Emeline C., born July 4, 1839, married May 7, 1861, Elbert O. Moore, born Nov. 29, 1832; he died Aug. 7, 1890. Children: Thomas E., born Aug. 10, 1862; John C., July 9, 1864 (married Nettie Smith and has five children); Rosalee, Feb. 28, 1867 (married Charles Neale, and has two children); Elbert O., June 17, 1870; Emely Urania, May 31, 1873; Avery Atkins, July 25, 1876.

(VII) Valentine Augustus Atkins, son of Avery, born Dec. 2, 1828, died Oct. 25, 1895. On Oct. 1, 1865, he married Mrs. Lydia A. (Hall) Barnes, born June 10, 1838. They had one child, Cora D., born Sept. 27, 1866, who married March 27, 1886, George C. Doherty, born Jan. 24, 1859; they have one child, Bessie Mildred, born Aug. 12, 1888.

(VI) Rollin Atkins, third son of Samuel, born Sept. 5, 1790, died April 4, 1844. On May 22, 1817, he married Harriet Bishop, born Aug. 1, 1796, died Dec. 23, 1879. Children: Ellen, born 1818, died Dec. 29, 1853, married July 30, 1837, Volney G.

Barbour, who died Jan. 15, 1859, aged fifty-four. Children—Adelaide, Ellen (1840), Volney G. (1842), George R. (1844), Samuel A. and Thomas F. George R. is mentioned below. Harriet B., born 1823, married July 25, 1844, Charles G. Grant, and later wedded a Mr. Smith. Marietta, born 1831, married May 25, 1856, Henry S. Stevens, died July 10, 1858. Elias Cornelius is mentioned below.

(VII) George R. Atkins, son of Rollin, born 1820, married (first) Julia R. Wells, born Feb. 6, 1828, died Aug. 12, 1858. For his second wife he wedded Feb. 26, 1863, Emerett Bradley, born Dec. 19, 1842, died Oct. 15, 1897. Children by first wife: J. Ellen, born 1847, married April 3, 1866, Wm. H. Perkins; George R., Jr., born March 21, 1851, married Addie Gallup, of Mystic, and they have had four children, Frank, Florence, William and Lillian. Children by second wife: Jennie H., born Jan. 11, 1868; and Lizzie B., born July 8, 1870, who died Sept. 24, 1897.

(VII) Elias C. Atkins, son of Rollin, born June 28, 1833, married Aug. 29, 1855, Sarah A. Wells, born 1834, who died April 11, 1863. They had one daughter, Hattie, born 1856. By his second wife Mr. Atkins has four children, one son, Harry, and three daughters. Elias Cornelius Atkins is one of the leading saw manufacturers of the country, as well as a leader in all that will promote the best interests of the community in which he lives and the well-being of the world at large.

(VI) Irenus Atkins, son of Samuel, born Nov. 15, 1792, married Sept. 14, 1814, Eunice Beckwith, daughter of Zachariah. Children: Four died in early life; the fifth, Eveline J., born April 7, 1825, married Jan. 5, 1866, Oliver S. Judd; Andrew Fuller, born Oct. 29, 1828, died May 9, 1893, married May 6, 1849, Helen M. Welch, born in 1831, daughter of Hon. Elisha N. and Jane (Buckley) Welch (they had one daughter, Fannie W., born March 13, 1853, who married A. B. Tomlinson.

(VI) Lloyd Atkins, son of Samuel, born Oct. 22, 1800, died Feb. 14, 1869. On Oct. 22, 1823, he married Charity Crampton, born March 4, 1805, and died Dec. 17, 1891. Children: Eunice and Roswell. Eunice, born Oct. 7, 1824, married April 14, 1846, Roswell A. Neal, born Jan. 21, 1821, and they had six children: Mary, born Jan. 17, 1847, was married Oct. 11, 1871, to Theodore H. McKenzie. Stephen D. was born Feb. 1, 1861; four others died in youth.

(VII) Roswell Atkins, born Sept. 24, 1826, married Oct. 19, 1847, Martha S. Hart, born June 30, 1828, died Sept. 23, 1852. For his second wife he wedded Sarah Amelia Barnum, born Feb. 26, 1835. Children of Roswell and Sarah A. Atkins: (1) Amelia Martha, born Oct. 19, 1857, graduated M. D. from the University of Michigan in February, 1878. On March 14, 1880, she married Nathaniel C. Whitfield, M. D. (2) Lloyd Roswell, born Dec. 23, 1866, graduated from Hahnemann College and Hospital, Chicago, in February, 1887. On Oct. 1, 1889, he married Jennie Poppi, and they have one child, Lloyd R., Jr., born Feb. 4, 1893.

WILLIAM MITCHELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS. William Mitchell was born in Scotland, Aug. 30, 1748. He came to this country when about twelve years of age, and first resided in Danbury, Conn., thence removing to Thompson (or Killingly, as it was then called), where he was married to Mary Alton. In 1773 he removed to Bristol with his wife and one child. It is supposed that at Thompson, he learned what was then called the clothier's trade, which business he followed after coming to Bristol, the cloth being woven at different houses, on the hand-looms of the period. The products of these looms he fulled and colored, and placed upon the market. Just before the Revolutionary war he made a visit to the old country for the purpose of perfecting his knowledge of coloring, and on returning was accompanied by his brother Thomas. When the war of the Revolution began to assume a threatening aspect, Thomas returned, but William remained, and served for a time in the army, being at the battle of White Plains. He continued to make cloth during the war, and likewise engaged in the manufacture of saltpeter, for use in making powder for the Continental army. In later years other manufacturing interests engaged his attention, and this turn of thought or inclination seems to have been inherited by his children.

George Mitchell, eldest son of William, was born in Bristol, Conn., April 19, 1774, and began his business career as clerk in the store of Thomas Barnes, engaging in mercantile enterprises the greater part of his life. He embarked in other enterprises, however, among them the manufacture of clocks and saws, and he not only carried on his own business, but it was his custom—being a public-spirited man—to aid and encourage others to enter into business. To this end he would buy properties suitable for manufacturing establishments, and sell them to others, taking in payment their products, and sending out peddlers through the country to dispose of them. Thus he was very influential in building up the industries of the town, and the results of his enterprise and sagacity are still apparent. As a man he had the entire confidence of his fellow citizens. He was outspoken in his convictions, kind and liberal in the use of the means which he accumulated, whether to the church of his choice or to the cause of education. He was one of the founders and stanch supporters of the Connecticut Literary Institution. He took great interest in politics; was closely identified with the movement which substituted the Constitution of 1818 for the British Charter; was several times a member of the General Assembly; and once, in 1836, a member of the Senate. Fraternally he was a Freemason, and the first Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., in Bristol, in 1819.

Julius R. Mitchell succeeded to the mercantile business of his father, George Mitchell, being associated part of the time with an elder brother, George H. Mitchell, who was postmaster of the town quite a number of years, as was also the

father. Julius R. Mitchell continued in the mercantile business for over fifty years, being the leading merchant of that place. Thoroughly in earnest in whatever he believed to be the right and for the best interests of his native town, which he represented in both branches of the Legislature, a pillar in the church of his choice, he will long be remembered as a worthy son of a worthy sire. His son, George W. Mitchell, has taken up the work which his father laid down.

George H. Mitchell, above referred to, is remembered as a business man of high character, and also as a musician. He married Lurene Hooker, a descendant of Thomas Hooker. Their eldest son, George H. Mitchell, Jr., was a musician of high rank, and excelled in the composition and execution of church music, to which he devoted much time. He also was engaged in manufacturing. Charles Elliott, another son of George H. Mitchell, is a prominent lawyer in New York City. He was commissioner of patents under the administration of Harrison. A third son, Moseley Hooker, died in early manhood, but not before he had left his mark in the place as a merchant.

Thomas Mitchell, second son of William, followed the quiet life of a farmer. He was a man of fine presence, honest and upright. His son, Henry A., studied law, and was considered an able lawyer, was State's attorney for Hartford county, judge of the Hartford county court, editor of the *Hartford Times* for a while, and afterward judge of the probate court in Bristol. He was much respected by all who knew him. Thomas Mitchell, son of Henry A., has spent his life in Washington, where he has filled many positions of trust and responsibility.

John Smith Mitchell, another son of William, removed to New Haven, and was engaged principally in mercantile business. He was also postmaster a number of years. His sons, Edward A., John S. and Charles M., all became prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Connecticut. Charles L., son of Edward A., represented Connecticut in Congress.

Stephen Mitchell, eighth child of William, was a merchant at Plymouth, Connecticut.

Samuel Augustus Mitchell, youngest son of William, turned his attention to literature and publishing, the "British Poets" being one of his publications. His system of school books brought him prominently before the public, especially his Geography and Atlas, which was the most complete work of its day for the study of that branch of common-school education.

A genealogical record of William Mitchell and his descendants is herewith given:

(I) William Mitchell, born Aug. 30, 1748, in Scotland, died March 12, 1806. On May 23, 1771, he was married, by Rev. Noadiah Russell, of Thompson Parish, to Mary Alton, who was born April 28, 1754, in Pomfret, Conn., daughter of William A. Alton, and died Feb. 23, 1823. They had nine children.

(II) Lucy Mitchell was born Dec. 19, 1772. On May 3, 1790, she married Silas Bundy, and they had children: William, born Oct. 20, 1790; Charles, Oct. 23, 1792; Augustus, Oct. 5, 1797; Lucy, Sept. 4, 1804.

(II) George Mitchell, born April 19, 1774, died July 29, 1852. He first married Hannah Matthews, who died May 8, 1808, aged thirty-two years, and by whom he had children as follows: Polly Smith was married Sept. 10, 1817, to Rev. Orra Martin; G. Henry, born in 1797, died Aug. 26, 1803; Carlos Denison, born in 1800, died Sept. 9, 1803; Alexander, born in 1801, died Oct. 14, 1803; Julius Rodney, born in 1802, died Jan. 11, 1804; and Henrietta, born in 1807, died March 9, 1808, aged nine months. George Mitchell married for his second wife Almira Gridley Andrews, who died March 2, 1816. She bore him two children: George Henry, born in June, 1810, died Aug. 16, 1860, aged fifty-six (see below); Hannah Maria, born in 1814, died March 13, 1815, aged fourteen months. George Mitchell's third wife, Polly Atkins, was born Feb. 28, 1785, and died Dec. 29, 1857. They had four children: Carlos Denison, born Sept., 1819, died June 22, 1832, aged twelve years, ten months; Julius R., born Jan. 8, 1821 (see below); John Wightman, born Nov., 1824, died in 1889; Juliette, born Aug., 1827, died in 1900.

(II) Polly Smith Mitchell, born Oct. 19, 1776, died Nov. 20, 1795.

(II) Thomas Mitchell, born Feb. 8, 1779, died Feb. 1, 1852. In 1801 he married Harriet Thompson, daughter of Capt. Isaiah Thompson, and by her had children as follows: Alexander was born May 20, 1802; Adeline H., born Jan. 1, 1804, married Edwin Talmage Nov. 12, 1823; Henry A., born Nov. 25, 1805, died March 17, 1888 (see below); Jane P., born Feb. 20, 1807, married George Palmer Sept. 12, 1827, and had two children —Harriet Rosanna, born Nov. 3, 1832, and Jane Adeline, born June 10, 1834; Sorrow, born Sept. 15, 1809, died Sept. 21, 1809. The mother of these died Sept. 15, 1809, aged twenty-three years, and in 1811 Mr. Mitchell married Esther Humiston, who died April 18, 1814. On Oct. 17, 1814, he married (third) Amanda Lee, who died Oct. 19, 1847, aged sixty-nine years. They had one child, Sorrow, born in 1817, who died July 20, 1889.

(II) William Alton Mitchell, born Jan. 10, 1780, died Sept. 13, 1804. He was burned with japan, and his death resulted from the injuries received. He married Betsey Thompson, who was born Sept. 4, 1784, and died Oct. 8, 1813, and they had one child, William Alton, who died in Georgia in 1831, unmarried. The widow married Sylvester Norton, by whom she had one child, Mary Louisa, born Aug. 8, 1811.

(II) John Smith Mitchell, born Feb. 18, 1783,

died Aug. 18, 1849. On Oct. 10, 1806, he married Sarah Shelton, who was born Aug. 19, 1788, and died Sept. 15, 1864. They had five children: Eliza C., born Aug. 20, 1809, died March 24, 1840 (see below); Henrietta, born April 21, 1813, died July 3, 1894 (see below); Edward Augustus, born June 13, 1815, died Sept. 14, 1876 (see below); John Shelton, born Dec. 1, 1817, died Feb. 1, 1875 (see below); Charles Moulton, born July 7, 1822, died March 9, 1899 (see below).

(II) Almira Mitchell, born May 5, 1787, died April 12, 1860. By her first husband, Samuel Dutton, she had two children: Candice, born in 1812, married Thaddeus Smith; Samuel, born June 16, 1814, died in August, 1889. She married (second) Leicester Carrington, and by that union had four children: Almira, William, Juliet (wife of Pliny A. Jewett, below) and Leicester.

(II) Stephen Mitchell, born Nov. 29, 1789, married (first) Rosetta Talmadge, and (second) Dec. 17, 1823, wedded Mary Ann Talmadge.

(II) Samuel Augustus Mitchell, born March 10, 1792, died in 1868. In August, 1815, he married Rhoda Ann Fuller, and they had five children: Caroline, born Sept. 4, 1817, died July 27, 1892, in Bristol, Conn. (see below); Carlos, born May 5, 1820, died in infancy; Ellen Douglas, born Dec. 2, 1821, died Feb. 19, 1853, in Philadelphia (see below); Samuel Augustus, Jr., born March 25, 1826, died April 25, 1882 (see below); William, born March 1, 1838, died in infancy.

(III) George Henry Mitchell, son of George and Almira, born in June, 1810, married in 1833 Laurene Hooker, who was born Nov. 4, 1810, and died Oct. 29, 1877. Their children: (1) George Henry, Jr., born Nov. 12, 1835, married Aug. 30, 1857, Hannah Drusilla Welch, born Jan. 8, 1838, and of their children two died in infancy; Helen Welch was born Feb. 8, 1860; and Bertha Welch was born July 25, 1861. (2) Charles Elliot, born May 10, 1837, was married Dec. 13, 1866, to Cornelia A. Chamberlain, and they had three children, Robert Chamberlain, born May 8, 1868; Charles, May 18, 1873; and George Henry, Dec. 3, 1877. (3) Moseley Hooker, born in 1839, died Jan. 19, 1868. He was married April 13, 1858, to Ellen Brainard, who died Sept. 5, 1865. They had two children, Florence Almira, born July 17, 1859, and Frederick Brainard, born June 2, 1860.

(III) Julius R. Mitchell, son of George and Polly (Atkins), born Jan. 8, 1821, was married Jan. 27, 1845, to Drusilla Welch, born April 23, 1825, daughter of George and Zelenda (Niles) Welch. Their children: (1) George W., born Nov. 7, 1852, was married Oct. 22, 1873, to Eva L. Dunbar, who was born Nov. 4, 1852. (2) Annie J., born July 11, 1856, married William Isaacson. (3) Julia N. was born Feb. 10, 1861.

(III) Henry Alexander Mitchell, son of Thomas, born Nov. 25, 1805, died March 17, 1888. On Sept. 2, 1832, he married Sarah Jane Hoadley, born June 22, 1817, died July 20, 1889. Their children: (1) Mary Jane, born Nov. 18, 1835, married Henry A. Loomis June 19, 1867. (2) Thomas, born July 12, 1837, died July 29, 1898, married June 1, 1861, Louisa G. F. Braman. (3) Catherine Talmage, born Sept. 26, 1841, married Harrison Munson Curtis March 17, 1866. (4) Henry Augustus, born Aug. 29, 1849, died Aug. 3, 1850. (5) Jennie, born Sept. 22, 1855, died July 3, 1876.

(III) Eliza C. Mitchell, daughter of John S. and Sarah, married James Loomis, and had one child, James, deceased.

(III) Henrietta Mitchell, daughter of John S. and Sarah, was married Sept. 4, 1830, to Adolph Le Moyne, born Sept. 4, 1803, died June 10, 1887. Their children: (1) Adolph, Jr., born June 15, 1832, died April 23, 1875. (2) Edward Mitchell, born March 13, 1834, married Josephine Bond, born Oct. 9, 1843, and died May 22, 1889. They had four children: Elizabeth Goodrich, born April 22, 1864, who married William T. Inness, of New York; Josephine, born Nov. 19, 1868; Henrietta, born Dec. 27, 1872; and Mary Mitchell, born Jan. 30, 1874. (3) Clara Sarah, born Nov. 5, 1835, married Oct. 16, 1856, Samuel Augustus Mitchell, Jr., born March 25, 1826, died April 25, 1882. They had children as follows: Ella Clara, born April 28, 1858, married April 23, 1879, Charles Robert Weeks, of New York, born Jan. 2, 1857, and had Charles Le Moyne, born March 13, 1880; Lucile Carnes, born July 27, 1881; and Percy Shelton, born Dec. 17, 1882. Caroline Burroughs was born April 19, 1862. Alfred Augustus, born Jan. 12, 1864, married in November, 1889, Ella Salters, and had Harold Shelton, born April 18, 1891; Alfred Le Moyne, born Sept. 2, 1892; and Donald, born in March, 1894. Henry Le Moyne, born Sept. 17, 1867, died April 5, 1886. (4) Henrietta Josephine, born June 4, 1841, married Edward Bouaffe Hydecker, born Dec. 14, 1835, died July 26, 1876. They had children: Edward Le Moyne, born June 12, 1863, married Catharine Toxer Darlington, born Aug. 6, 1860, and had Wayne Darlington, born March 28, 1891; and Edward Creagh, born Aug. 16, 1893, died Aug. 20, 1893. William Creagh, born Sept. 6, 1865, married Mary Fitzrandolph Johnson, born Feb. 13, 1870. Elise Caroline, born June 19, 1869, married Elliston Joseph Morris, born Sept. 28, 1862, and had Elliston Joseph, Jr., born Jan. 23, 1893.

(III) Edward Augustus Mitchell, son of John S. and Sarah, married Elizabeth Gorham, born Aug. 12, 1813, died May 11, 1888. Their children: (1) Anna Galpin, born March 26, 1837, died Feb. 17, 1880. (2) Edward Augustus, born in January, 1839, died in May, 1843. (3) Eliza Loomis, born Oct. 16, 1840, married G. Pierrepont Davis, born Jan. 16, 1843, and had Elizabeth M., born Aug. 16, 1871 (wife of Otto Adolph Schreiber); Arthur W., born May 8, 1874; Louise P., born April 6, 1880; and Helen F., born Nov. 22, 1882. (4) Charles Le Moyne, born Aug. 6, 1844, died March 1, 1890. He married Emeline Morse, born March

22, 1850, and had Edward Augustus, Jr., born April 17, 1872; and Eliza, born May 21, 1877, died April 15, 1882.

(III) John S. Mitchell, son of John S. and Sarah, was married Jan. 3, 1838, to Mary Lyman Benedict, who was born Sept. 23, 1819. They had one child, Charles Benedict, born Sept. 16, 1840, who died Feb. 4, 1854, at New Haven.

(III) Charles Moulton Mitchell, son of John S. and Sarah, married (first) Mary Ann Foote, born March 20, 1834, who died April 18, 1859. His second wife, Mary Parsons, born Sept. 17, 1840, is also deceased. By the first union he had children: (1) Charles Foote was born Nov. 15, 1856. (2) Mary Ann, born April 17, 1859, married April 8, 1880, John B. Wallace, born July 7, 1858, and had Henry Mitchell, born Jan. 12, 1881, and John B., Jr., born Nov. 6, 1886.

(III) Juliet Carrington, daughter of Leicester and Almira (Mitchell) Carrington, was married Nov. 10, 1847, to Pliny A. Jewett, and they had three children: Thomas (had one son, Thomas), Mary and William.

(III) Ellen Douglas Mitchell, daughter of Samuel Augustus, was married July 21, 1842, to Horatio Nelson Burroughs. Their children: (1) Mary Elena, born April 11, 1844, married Feb. 11, 1868, Effingham Perot, of Philadelphia, born Aug. 10, 1837. They had no children. (2) Annie Burroughs, born Dec. 13, 1846, married April 15, 1875, Josiah Maurice Bacon, of Philadelphia. They had no children. (3) Joseph Howells, born May 16, 1851, married Edith Lewis May 19, 1881, and they had two children—Joseph Howells, Jr., born April 12, 1882, and Ellen Douglas, born July 26, 1888. (4) Ellen Douglas, born Jan. 23, 1853, married Nov. 5, 1879, Effingham Buckley Morris, of Philadelphia, and they had four children—Rhoda Fuller, born Nov. 5, 1880; Eleanor, Oct. 6, 1881; Caroline Burroughs, June 24, 1886; and Effingham B., Jr., Aug. 26, 1890.

(III) Caroline Mitchell, daughter of Samuel Augustus, was married July 20, 1854, to Horatio Nelson Burroughs, she being his second wife. They had one child, Henry Augustus, born March 10, 1856, who was married Dec. 5, 1878, to Emilie Bailey, and died March 1, 1882, leaving one child, Horatio Nelson, Jr., born Dec. 17, 1879.

(III) Samuel Augustus Mitchell, Jr., son of Samuel Augustus, was married Oct. 16, 1856, to Clara Sarah Le Moyne. [See record of family above.]

WILLIAM T. MARCHANT, member of the firm of Hills & Marchant, funeral directors and embalmers, Hartford, is a native of that city, born Feb. 6, 1860.

William Marchant, his father, was born in England, a son of Robert, also an Englishman, who was a florist and landscape gardener, at which calling he worked while in Hartford. He came to America in March, 1850, and died in Hartford Oct. 6, 1861. By his wife, Mary, he (the grandfather) had a family of ten children, seven of whom came to America, all locating in Hartford, where William, our subject's father, followed the business of caring for horses. He died in 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. On Jan. 6, 1850, in England, he married Caroline, daughter of William Church, by trade a shoemaker, who died in Hartford Jan. 18, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and to this union were born six children, two of whom are yet living: (1) Elizabeth M. A., wife of Frederick H. Dean, by whom she had two sons—William H., born Nov. 1, 1883, and Frederick D., born Jan. 14, 1888. (2) William T., our subject. Their mother died May 26, 1900, aged sixty-eight years.

William T. Marchant, whose name opens this sketch, after receiving but a limited education (for he is a typical self-made man), learned the trade of butcher in a meat market situated on the corner of Main and Canton streets, Hartford, remained there nine years, then for three years was at the corner of Main street and Goodman place. For seven years after leaving this line of business he was in the employ of C. W. Hills, undertaker, at the end of that time, in 1893, becoming a partner in the concern, the firm name being Hills & Marchant, and the establishment is now the second oldest and the largest of the kind in Hartford, averaging over 300 funerals per annum. On Oct. 15, 1900, the firm moved into their present premises, No. 53 Ann street, where they have commodious and comfortable offices and anterooms. Both partners are graduates of the New York School of Embalming, and are thoroughly versed in the art, being excellent men of business.

On Dec. 18, 1884, Mr. Marchant was married to Carrie E. Hills, daughter of his partner. Our subject and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican, though in municipal and other local matters he usually casts his ballot for the candidate whom he considers best adapted for the office.

Fraternally and socially Mr. Marchant has been affiliated with Lodge No. 88, Hartford, Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Wolcott Council, and Washington Commandery, No. 1; is also a member of Oak Lodge of Perfection, Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Cyrus Council, Chapter Rose Croix, and Connecticut Sovereign Consistory, Sphinx Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, being a 32d degree Mason. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for eighteen years, and at present is identified with Connecticut Lodge, No. 93; is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Charter Oak Lodge; and of the Master Workmen Fraternity, Order of Connecticut. Mr. Marchant is a member of the State Association of Funeral Directors, being ex-president of same, and on retiring from this office, in the year 1898, he delivered a masterly oration in reviewing the past years of his service.

EDWARD W. KEENE, a prosperous business man of Unionville, whose success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, was born in Southington, this county, Aug. 9, 1862, a son of Patrick and Mary A. (Brennan) Keene. The father, who was a native of Ireland, was employed for thirty-eight years as a molder by Peck, Stowe, Wilcox & Co., of Southington. In the family were twelve children, but only five are now living, namely: Patrick F., whose present address is No. 19 Park street, Hartford; Edward W., our subject; Mary A., and Margaret L., residents of Southington; and Andrew J., of Unionville. One son, James Keene, was for some time collector of Internal Revenue at Louisville, Kentucky.

Reared in Southington, Edward W. Keene was educated in the public schools of that place, and later he worked in the bolt department of the works of Peck, Stowe, Wilcox & Co. for eight years. Going to Chicago, he was in the employ of W. H. Deering & Co., reaper, binder and mower manufacturers, for six months, and then traveled in their interest through Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. Soon after his return to his old home in Southington, Conn., he came to Unionville, Aug. 6, 1886, and for about five years worked for the Upson Nut Company. In 1891 he embarked in the liquor business in Unionville, and is still interested in the same. He has met with excellent success in his undertakings, and is now the owner of Keene's block, one of the best business blocks in the town. He is connected with the Co-operative Building & Loan and the Connecticut Building & Loan Associations, and belongs to the Foresters in Unionville, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 19, of Hartford.

In Newington, Conn., Mr. Keene was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Foràn, a daughter of John Foran, and they have four children—May, Edward W., Jr., John and James Richard.

WILLIAM BREWER NOBLE, the leading retail dealer in drugs in East Hartford, was born Feb. 18, 1863, on Canton street, Hartford, in one of the earliest built houses in that section of the city, and descends from two of the oldest families in the State, the Nobles and the Brewers. Paternally he is of the eighth generation from Thomas Noble, the founder of the family in America.

Thomas Noble was born in England in 1632, but the date of his coming to America is not on record. It is known, however, that he was a member of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and that in 1653 he located in Springfield, and with Elizur Holyoke and others received permission to erect a sawmill on Ensign Cooper's farm, on the Agawam river. In 1669 he removed to Westfield, where he died in 1707. He married, in 1660, at Springfield, Hannah Wariner, and had a family of ten children, from the sixth of whom, Mark by name, the subject of this sketch lineally descends.

From Thomas Noble the generations up to the present time are as follows: Mark, born in Westfield, Mass., in 1670, married Mercy Marshall, of Northampton, and died April 16, 1741. Noah, born in Westfield May 23, 1713, married Mary Barber, of Springfield, who was born in 1715, his death taking place in 1781, and hers July 6, 1797. Zenas, born in Westfield Nov. 30, 1743, (first) married Hannah Jones, who was born in the same town Dec. 12, 1747, and died in January, 1791, Zenas dying in Washington, Mass., March 31, 1813. William, son of Zenas and Hannah, born in Washington Feb. 2, 1778, married Mary Smith, a native of the same place, who was born in 1779, and died June 9, 1847, in Pittsfield, where his death also occurred, May, 11, 1869. James, born in Washington Nov. 23, 1809, first married Asenith Smith Martin, who was born in Washington May 13, 1810, and died in Hartford Sept. 29, 1837, his second marriage being to Eliza A. Smith, who was born in Groton, Conn., April 4, 1817. James M., father of our subject, was born Nov. 30, 1834; and William Brewer Noble is our subject.

James Noble, grandfather of our subject, was one of the early school teachers of Washington, Mass., as was also his wife, Asenith Smith (Martin) Noble. He was a wholesale and retail clothing merchant, and came to Hartford, Conn., about 1830, after his marriage. He was a deacon in the Fourth Congregational Church, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for many years. His first wife died at the early age of twenty-seven years, the mother of two children: James M., father of our subject; and Asenith, wife of Edwin L. Humphrey, of Pittsfield, Mass. To his second marriage were born several children, those living being Charles S., a vegetable dealer of Hartford; and Mrs. Emma Adams, a widow, of the same city. The latter years of his business life James Noble passed as a traveling salesman for Curtis Brothers, at that time manufacturers of Curtisville, Conn., but he withdrew from business many years prior to his death, which occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age.

James M. Noble, father of our subject, was born Nov. 30, 1834, at the corner of Morgan and Commerce streets, Hartford, and at the age of seventeen years began clerking for Gurdon Fox, grocer, in Central Row, Hartford, with whom he remained until twenty-one years old. Later he clerked in Hartford, Boston, and again in various stores in Hartford. He married Miss Mary Brewer, of Brewer street, East Hartford, born Aug. 13, 1841, a daughter of Osman and Deluanna Brewer. To this union have been born three children: William Brewer, our subject; Thomas M., of the firm of Noble Brothers, and Charles S., of the Noble Drug Store, both of Hartford. The father is a Republican in politics, and in religion is a member of the Congregational Church of East Hartford, where he has also passed many years, alternating with Hart-

ford. He is a well-preserved gentleman, and is held in the highest esteem for his many personal excellencies.

William B. Noble passed his childhood days on his father's farm, where his New England as well as family qualities of thrift, industry and faithfulness to duty were fully developed. His first attendance at school was in Hockanum, and at the age of thirteen years he entered the high school in Hartford. To reach this school it was necessary for him to walk five miles, which distance he covered in all kinds of weather, winter and summer, regardless of snow, rain, mud and dust, and scarcely missed a day in four years; thus, at the rate of ten miles per day, he traveled on foot about 7,300 miles in order to secure his high-school education. To add to this exercise he was also a member of his class foot-ball team the last two years of his attendance. He graduated in 1880, and at once secured a position in the drug store of McNary & Co., on Main street, where the Adams Express Co. is now located, but a year later was employed by George N. Clark & Co., with whom he remained two years. From 1883 until 1887 he was with Talcott, Frisbie & Co., wholesale druggists, from whom he received his druggist's diploma, and he passed the Board on his first examination. During the last two years he was with Talcott, Frisbie & Co. he had entire charge of their laboratory work. From 1887 until 1890 he was chief clerk for C. R. Griswold, on North Main street, and in March, of the latter year, opened his drug store in Garvan's block, East Hartford.

Since entering business for himself Mr. Noble has had an assured success, and has built up an extensive trade through low prices, the reliability of his stock in bulk and in compounds, his affable, accommodating manner of treating his patrons, and his promptitude in executing their orders. These facts are vouched for by the *East Hartford Weekly Gazette*, which in its issue of Sept. 6, 1895, had this to say of Mr. Noble: "Few of the young business men of the town have had as successful and rapid a rise as the subject of this article. A resident of this town from early boyhood, and endowed with sterling personal qualities as well as sound commercial judgment, great industry and faithfulness, Mr. Noble had but to enter business for himself to attract the custom of his friends and win the trade of strangers. A low price-list, quick service, faithful work, a pleasant and accommodating spirit—these are main factors in his business' quick and substantial growth."

In January, 1898, the Noble Drug Co., of Hartford, began business, and William B. and C. S. Noble constitute this firm, which is a grand success. William B. Noble has exhibited a wonderful amount of vim, energy and enterprise for so young a man, and well deserves the recognition he everywhere meets with, both as a business man and a gentleman.

On Nov. 7, 1887, Mr. Noble married Miss Nettie Sherman, a native of Norwich, Conn., and a daughter of George Sherman, who settled in Hartford when she was a child, and in that city she was reared. This happy union has been blessed with five children, of whom, however, three only are now living: Russell B., Raymond B. and Rena S., Harry B. and Gladys S. being deceased.

Fraternally Mr. Noble is a Mason; is a member of Elm Lodge, K. of P.; Court Raymond, Foresters of America; the Odd Fellows; the Royal Arcanum; the Grange; and is president of the Wheel & Social Club—all of East Hartford. In the social circles of the town he and his wife hold exalted positions, and are extremely popular.

ORRIN H. GOODRICH, one of the most respected citizens of East Hartford, and a descendant of one of the oldest New England families, was born in Rocky Hill, Hartford county, Jan. 10, 1832. His grandfather, Jason Goodrich, also a native of Rocky Hill, was a river captain nearly all his life, and had a family of eight children, of whom Levi Goodrich, the father of our subject, was one of the youngest, was born in Rocky Hill about 1812, and was a farmer all his life.

Levi Goodrich married Nancy Taylor, a native of South Glastonbury, Conn., and a daughter of Ezeriah Taylor, a farmer, and to this union were born eleven children, in the order here recorded: Joseph, who married Fannie Buck, a native of Portland, Conn., followed farming in Portland, and there died; Henry, a farmer of South Glastonbury, who married Mary Saunders, is now deceased, and is interred at South Glastonbury; Jeannette, who is married to Harvey Cornwell, a farmer of Portland; Orrin H., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Stowe, a farmer of Cromwell; Elmira, also deceased, who was married to Lucius Somers, and lived in Ormond, Fla.; James, who died when a young man; Stephen, who lived to be over sixty years of age, and died single; Leverett, a machinist of Rocky Hill, who married Mary Wright, and is now deceased; Anna, who died young, as also did Augusta. The father of these children, Levi Goodrich, passed away in 1879, and the mother in 1881.

Orrin H. Goodrich received a good common-school education, and at an early age began learning the machinist's trade with Cheney Bros., at Manchester, being employed by the same firm for twenty years—good evidence, indeed, of his skill as a mechanic. From Manchester he went to Hartford, and worked for the Plimptons for some time, when he retired to a farm, but was sent for by Case, Lockwood & Brainard, of Hartford, who had already tested his skill, and still works for them intermittently, when some special or intricate piece of work is to be done; he has always commanded a good salary.

Orrin H. Goodrich married Celia Amidon, a native of Massachusetts, who died without issue, and

he subsequently married Mrs. Martin (Holmes) Lowe, who was born in Lee, Mass., Sept. 26, 1831, a daughter of Jonathan Wadsworth and Roxanna (Chambers) Holmes, and a cousin of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the eminent physician and writer of medical literature, poet, essayist and humorist. The father of Mrs. Goodrich was born and reared in West Hartford, where he followed the vocation of a potter, but later became a farmer at Lee, Mass. Mr. Goodrich now occupies the house formerly owned by Martin Lowe, and is living in quiet retirement. In politics he is one of the stanchest of Democrats, but has never had a desire for public office. He is an attendant at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has never joined any secret society. He and his wife have a most comfortable home, with delightful surroundings, and are among the most respected residents of the town and county.

Mrs. Orrin H. Goodrich descends not only from one of the oldest of New England families, but from one of the most ancient and noble families of Old England—the historical Seymours. Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, was born about 1500, and was beheaded for reasons of state on Tower Hill, London, Jan. 22, 1552. He was the eldest son of Sir John Seymour, and his sister was the wife of Henry VIII, King of England. He was created Viscount Beauchamp and Earl of Hartford, and, later, Duke of Somerset and Earl Marshal of England, in February, 1547. Upon the death of Henry VIII he was made guardian of his own nephew, young King Edward VI, with the title of Lord Protector of the Realm, and met his death at the date mentioned above, through political chicanery.

Tracing, now, the American ancestry back to the Colonial days: Cynthia Seymour, the mother of Jonathan W. Holmes, father of Mrs. Goodrich, was born in Massachusetts Dec. 24, 1771, of the sixth generation from Richard Seymour, grandson of the Duke of Somerset. Richard Seymour came to America soon after the arrival of Rev. Mr. Hooker and his colony, as the first record of his residence is found to be at Hartford in 1639. Thence he removed to Norwalk in 1650, being one of the earliest settlers of that town. Of his children, John married Mary Watson, who bore him ten children, and of these John (2), born Jan. 12, 1666, married Elizabeth Webster, daughter of Robert Webster, and granddaughter of Gov. John Webster. To John Seymour (2) were born eleven children, of whom John, the eldest, was born in 1694, and first married a Miss Mason, a daughter of Capt. John Mason, who bore him the following named children: Lydia, Abigail, Elisha, Isaac, Lucretia, John (born Nov. 24, 1727), William and Lucretia (2). The second wife of John was Hannah Ensign, who also bore him a large family, so that he had nineteen children in all.

Of the above family, John, who was born Nov. 24, 1727, married Lydia Wadsworth, a granddaughter of Capt. Joseph Wadsworth, renowned in Colonial history as the person who concealed the precious charter of Connecticut in the hollow of an oak tree, which was ever afterward known as the "Charter Oak." To the marriage of John Seymour and Lydia Wadsworth were born thirteen children, among whom were Cynthia and Silvia (twins), and of these Cynthia became the mother of Jonathan W. Holmes, the father of Mrs. Goodrich.

EMORY ORVILLE BANCROFT. Among the most attractive homesteads of this section is the farm of this well-known resident of the town of East Windsor, its location on the banks of the Connecticut river affording a beautiful view. As an agriculturist Mr. Bancroft is enterprising and successful, and he is a valued citizen, his honorable record as a soldier during the Civil war being well sustained by his integrity, ability and progressive spirit in private life.

Mr. Bancroft belongs to one of the old families of East Windsor, and his great-great-grandfather, Isaac Bancroft, the first of the name to locate there, occupied the farm now owned by Morell & Snyder, situated about one mile south of Warehouse Point. Isaac Bancroft (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in the town of East Windsor.

Bissell Bancroft, the father of our subject, was born in 1801 in the same town, and for some years of his early manhood was a teacher. In 1827 he settled at the present homestead, where he was engaged in farming for many years, his death occurring in 1865. He was much respected for his excellent qualities of character, and at times held local offices, including that of selectman. His wife, Joanna Morton, who died March 11, 1895, aged eighty-eight years, was a daughter of Alexander Morton, a Revolutionary soldier. Eleven children were born to them: Horace M., a farmer of East Windsor; Willard and Rosina, deceased; Emory O., our subject; Miss Emily R., who resides at the homestead; Amanda, wife of John Thompson, of Ellington town, Tolland county; Alexander M., a traveling salesman, residing in Springfield, Mass.; Miss Ellen L., who resides at the old home; and three who died in childhood.

Emory O. Bancroft was born March 4, 1831, at his present farm, and was educated in the local schools and in the old Scantic Academy. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty, when he began raising tobacco on a farm near Hartford, and after one year in that business he engaged in a mercantile enterprise in Hartford. In 1861 he went to Springfield to work in the United States arsenal, but as the "dark days" of the Rebellion drew on he decided to offer his services to the government. In December, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 3d Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, "for three years or the war," being mustered into service at Readville. The regiment was sent to Norfolk, Va., and then up the river to join Gen.

Butler's forces, meeting the enemy for the first time at Bermuda Hundred. Mr. Bancroft was assigned to the engineer corps, in the 13th Independent Company of Heavy Artillery, was with that company at the battles of Cold Harbor and Fredericksburg, and took part in the long siege of Petersburg. Many notable feats of engineering skill are recorded to the credit of this brave band of men, the building and maintaining of a pontoon bridge across the Appomattox river, thus uniting two sections of our army, being especially famous. They also constructed a pontoon bridge across the James river during the siege of Petersburg, and one at Richmond over which all the Union forces passed on their way to Washington. In the summer of 1865 Mr. Bancroft was detailed for service in the engineering department of Fortress Monroe, and on Sept. 25, of that year, he received his discharge at Gallop's Island, Boston Harbor. His father dying soon after his return home, he took charge of the farm, which comprises sixty acres of land, and is now devoted to dairying and tobacco growing, as well as the raising of general crops. Politically Mr. Bancroft is a Republican, but he has not sought official honors. He and his family are much esteemed socially, and he belongs to J. A. Converse Post, No. 67, G. A. R., of Windsor Locks, and to Morning Star Lodge, No. 28, A. F. & A. M., at Warehouse Point.

In 1857 Mr. Bancroft married Miss Frances S. Jones. In 1867 he married Miss Viroqua Tucker, by whom he had one daughter, Ivanilla A., now the wife of Frank Lord, of East Windsor, Conn. On May 17, 1899, Mr. Bancroft married Mrs. Susan Bangs, widow of Eli Bangs. Mrs. Bancroft is a member of the Baptist Church.

DWIGHT ERVIN POLLARD, the popular and efficient foreman of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co.'s works, in Berlin, is a native of this State, born in Mansfield Jan. 23, 1848. His father, Barnabus Huntington Pollard, was born in November, 1823, and throughout the greater part of his life has followed farming in Mansfield. He was a very hard-working man in early life, but is now practically living retired, as he is unable to engage in the arduous labor of the farm. He married Julia Scott, of Mansfield, whose remains rest in Mansfield cemetery. To them were born four children: Lucy, Henry, Dwight E. and Ardin Sawyer. Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Pollard, a modest and industrious farmer, was born in Scotland, Conn., and died there at the advanced age of ninety-six years; his wife sleeps by his side in Scotland cemetery.

Reared on the home farm in Mansfield, Dwight E. Pollard obtained his education in the district schools of that town, and on laying aside his textbooks, at the age of fifteen years, he worked for six months on the farm of a Mr. Spencer. The following spring he entered the employ of Storrs Swift, and worked on his farm for the same length of time. For two years he had charge of the horses of O. F. Chaffee, the silk manufacturer, and then managed the farm of Miss Eliza Fitch, in South Coventry, for two years. He next worked in the sawmill of Charles Kingsbury, at that place, for five and a half years. In 1872 he came to East Berlin and entered the employ of the Corrugated Metal Co.; as a shutter maker, for six months, and later served the company in various capacities for about three years, working in their different departments. He was thus employed for one year after the firm was changed to the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., and was then made foreman. During the time he held that position the business of the company increased very rapidly, and their works were accordingly enlarged. He became foreman of the bridge shop, which responsible position he is now filling, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company, having from 100 to 225 men working under him. By close application, faithful service and excellent ability in mechanical lines, he has achieved a well-merited success. He entered the employ of the company as a common laborer, but has steadily risen until he is to-day foreman of the largest department of their works.

On March 26, 1873, Mr. Pollard married Miss Georgiana Kingsbury, of Chaplin, Conn., who was born March 26, 1848, a daughter of George Kingsbury. To them have been born three children: Frank Ervin, born Feb. 3, 1874, died in April, 1874, and was buried in Mansfield. George Huntington, born Nov. 3, 1875, is shipping clerk for the Berlin Iron Bridge Co.; he married Nora Daly, of Portland, Conn., and they have one child, Mary Veronica, born Dec. 23, 1898. Mortimer, born Sept. 9, 1880, is employed with his father in the Berlin Iron Bridge Co.'s works.

In political sentiment Mr. Pollard is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 81, F. & A. M., of Cromwell. He attends and supports the Methodist Church of East Berlin, of which his wife is a faithful member, taking an active part in church work.

HENRY FIELDS, an influential and highly respected farmer of Newington, has won his way patiently to the front by mere force of character. He has been called upon to fill many local offices of trust and responsibility. He has been active in church work. As a public-spirited citizen he has frequently performed signal services for the community in which he lives. Adversity was the companion of his youth and boyhood days, but the strong fiber of his character withstood discouraging circumstances and led him steadily forward.

Mr. Fields is a member of an old family of Waterbury, Conn. He was born in that city March 23, 1846, son of Lyman W. and Sarah (Bradley) Fields, and grandson of Lyman and Mary Fields, also of Waterbury. The father of our subject was a machinist, industrious, but not favored by fortune.

He was a poor man, and worked hard through life.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Waterbury and Wolcott. At the age of twelve years he began work on the farm of David Micholls, near Wolcott, and for five years, or until he was seventeen, he worked there for his board, clothes and schooling. His services were then engaged by a neighboring farmer for $10 per month and board, and although our subject remained with him for four years, or until he was twenty-one, his board during the time was his sole remuneration. Returning to his home in Waterbury, Mr. Field spent the next two years of his life as an employe in a clock-case factory. But farm life he regarded as the more congenial, and in 1869 he began work on the farm of John O. Knapp, at Wethersfield, remaining there eighteen months, after which for six months he worked on the farm of Charles F. Griswold. In 1871 he received an appointment as night watchman at the Connecticut State prison, at Wethersfield, remaining one year.

In 1872 Mr. Fields came to Newington, and for three years worked for Oliver Richards, whose daughter he afterward married. In 1875 he made a trip to Florida, where he prospected in lands on the Indian river, and purchased from the State of Florida about forty acres, which he still owns. He remained in Florida one winter, and returning located in West Hartford. For two years he worked on the farm of Sidney Wadsworth. Having been given charge of the public roads by the vote of the people, he then removed to New Britain, where he lived one year. Returning to the farm of Oliver Richards, Mr. Fields, in 1880, married his daughter, Abbie Richards, who was born July 10, 1848. Her parents, Oliver and Mary (Kilbourne) Richards, are now deceased, and are buried in Newington. The marriage of Henry and Abbie (Richards) Fields has been blessed with two children: Howard Henry, born July 2, 1882, died when one week old; Ethel Frances, born Dec. 17, 1883, is a student in the Newington schools.

Mr. Fields now operates ninety acres of well-improved land, located on the New Britain turnpike, four miles east of New Britain, and is engaged in general farming. He keeps from ten to twelve cows, selling the milk to the creameries. He and his wife are active members of the Congregational Church of Newington, and he is a member of the committee on church societies. Mr. Fields is a stanch Republican in politics. He was a member of the board of relief; has served as justice of the peace, assessor, grand juror, etc.; was elected to the State Legislature in 1883, and again in 1894; and is at present second selectman of the town of Newington, having been elected in 1898. He was a charter member of Pequot Council, No. 24, Sr. O. U. A. M., of New Britain, but has transferred his card to Our Brothers Council, No. 41, of Newington. He is also a charter member of Newington Grange, No. 44. Honest in his convictions, self-reliant, highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors, industrious and public-spirited, our subject is one of the representative citizens of Hartford county.

JOHN J. HINMAN, a representative citizen and well-to-do farmer of Burlington, was born May 2, 1846, on the farm in that town where he still resides, and is a member of a family which has long been connected with Hartford county, his ancestors having been among the early settlers. Mention of the earlier generations will be found elsewhere.

George Jones Hinman, father of our subject, was a son of Luman Hinman. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, but during his early manhood he followed the water, cruising along the Atlantic coast as far down as New Orleans, in the molasses trade. He was part owner of the vessel which he commanded. Coming to Burlington in his later years, he bought a tract of 600 acres in the western part of the town, and a large part of this property being in timber he erected and operated a sawmill, running the first circular saw in the State; he brought it from Massachusetts. He made numerous improvements upon his land, where he also carried on general farming and stock raising, acquiring a comfortable competence in his long and active business life. Gen. Washington, while marching through this section, was once entertained in the house in which Mr. Hinman made his home. Mr. Hinman was one of the leading men of his day in this locality, being a man of intelligence as well as of wide general information, and he was regarded as an authority in legal matters. His fellow citizens honored him with election as selectman and as representative in the State Legislature, and his service in each public capacity was distinguished by the able discharge of every duty, as well as by the same thoroughness and system which marked his management of his private affairs. His political influence was given to the Democratic party. Mr. Hinman was married, in Branford, Conn., to Miss Harriet Parkis, a native of Branford, and a daughter of Capt. Parkis, and ten children were born to this union: Charles, who died in young manhood; Mary, wife of Ralph Wheeler, of Avon, who has two children, George and Charles; George, who was shot at Branford, while out duck shooting (he married Luella Daniels, and had two children, George and Hattie); John J., whose name opens this sketch; Hattie, deceased at the age of fourteen years; Antoinette, wife of Robert Smith, of Plainville, who has one child; and Anna Louise, Henrietta, Marion and Anna Beebe, all of whom died young. Mr. Hinman passed away Feb. 9, 1890, and his wife did not long survive him, her death occurring May 18, same year. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Harwinton. They were good Christian people, and Mr. Hinman was an active member of the Episcopal Church, in which he served

as vestryman and warden. As a man of honor and integrity he commanded the highest respect of all who knew him.

John J. Hinman acquired his education in the district schools of the town of Burlington, and he has spent all his life on the homestead, where during his earlier years he was given ample opportunity to master all the details of general farming. When but sixteen years of age he took charge of his father's mill, and after the latter retired the management of all of his interests fell into our subject's hands. He has continued the various lines with equal success, and is now extensively engaged in farming, lumbering, stock raising, fruit growing and dairying, having the largest dairy farm in Burlington. He owns three good farms, located in different localities. As a result of systematic and careful management, combined with progressive methods, he has continued to prosper, and he ranks among the substantial and intelligent residents of his town. His name is a synonym for worth and good citizenship, and he is well and favorably known as a deservedly esteemed member of an old and honored family. Mr. Hinman has not been active in public affairs, though he has served on the school committee of his town. He was at one time a member of the Grange.

On July 10, 1867, Mr. Hinman married Miss Anna Beach, of Litchfield, Conn., daughter of David Beach, and four children were born to them: Charles, who died young; Benjamin, who lives at home, assisting his father; Catherine E. ("Katie"), now a public-school teacher in Collinsville, who received her education in the local district schools and Collinsville high school; and John D., living at home. The mother of these passed away April 9, 1876, and was laid to rest in Harwinton cemetery. She was a good Christian woman, a faithful member of the Congregational Church. On Sept. 26, 1877, Mr. Hinman married Miss Emma Misner, a native of Burlington, daughter of Gottfried and Wilhelmina (Hessler) Misner, both of whom were born in West Prussia, Germany. To the second marriage have also been born four children: Anna, now teaching in the district school of Whigville, town of Burlington, was educated in the home district school and Collinsville high school; Lillian, Hattie and Ernest are at home. Mr. Hinman is liberal in his political and religious views. The family attend the Congregational Church, and occupy a place among the most respected members of the community.

WILLIAM EDWIN GATES, one of Glastonbury's leading citizens, is a representative of an old Colonial family. James Gates, his great-grandfather, was an early settler at Lyme, Conn., where he followed farming, and his descendants are now numerous in that locality. His wife's name is unknown, but they had a son, Urson, and a daughter whose name is supposed to have been Maria, and who married a Mr. Shepherd, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Urson Gates, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Lyme, his entire life having been spent there. He married Huldah Rathbone, a native of East Haddam, and had the following children: Edwin, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Norris, a carpenter, married Philena Slate, and settled in Lyme; Emory married Harriet Tooker, and lived in Lyme, where he was engaged in mercantile business and farming, and at one time served as postmaster; Maria married Charles Comstock, of Lyme, who was a sailor by occupation and served in the Civil war.

Edwin Gates, now a highly-respected resident of East Haddam, was born and reared in Lyme, receiving a common-school education. He learned the cabinet maker's trade, but made his home with his father until the latter's death, and then took charge of the home farm, which he is still operating. He married Miss Maria Day, daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Hungerford) Day, and they have had children as follows: Charles married Lally Davidson and resides in Louisville, Ky., being manager for the Turner Day & Woolworth Manufacturing Co.; William E. was second in order of birth; Justin, deceased, married Mary Allen, and was engaged in electrical business as manager for the Perkins Lamp Co. at Manchester, and later at Hartford; Elizabeth married Charles Sanford, a machinist and farmer at East Haddam; Nellie married Hurvey Luther, and resides in Hartford.

William E. Gates was born in Lyme, March 29, 1857, and after completing a course in the district schools of his native town, he attended the Hartford High school, graduating in 1877. While in Hartford he made his home with his uncle Robert Day, at whose house the Hon. William Hungerford, the noted lawyer of Hartford, resided. On leaving school our subject returned home and spent two years, farming in summer and teaching school in winter. He then formed a partnership with a Mr. Burnham, and bought a grocery store in Middlefield which they conducted for one year, but in 1884 Mr. Gates removed to Glastonbury and purchased the grocery store of Mr. Frank Covell. He conducted a general store until fire destroyed the building in 1894, when he disposed of the stock and business to the present owner, Mr. Olcott. In 1888, Mr. Gates was appointed postmaster, and this position he held until 1896, when he entered the employ of the Kibbe Company of Hartford, as superintendent of their shipping department, where his executive ability is of recognized value.

Mr. Gates was married (first) to Miss Phœbe Holmes, who died leaving one son, Robert, born in 1884, and now living at home. On Nov. 13, 1889, Mr. Gates married (second) Isabella Robertson, a native of Glastonbury, and daughter of William and Elizabeth (Milley) Robertson, respected citizens of Glastonbury. Politically Mr. Gates is a

Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are Congregationalists. He is a member of Daskam Lodge, F. & A. M., of Glastonbury; the East Hartford Council, No. 1237, Royal Arcanum; Elm Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Glastonbury; and of Putnam Phalanx, of which he is sergeant.

WILLIAM HENRY TERRY, a leading lumber manufacturer of Collinsville, is a Canadian by birth, but a thorough American in sentiment, and his public spirit has been manifested effectively in various lines of effort.

Mr. Terry was born Nov. 9, 1852, in the town of Stratford, Ontario, and is of English descent. George Terry, his grandfather, was born and reared in Liverpool, England, and followed the shipbuilder's trade there for some years of his manhood. He married Sarah ———, and later emigrated to Canada, locating at Stratford, where he purchased a large tract of land and engaged successfully in lumbering. That section was then a wilderness, and the large sawmill and shingle-mill which he built at Pine Plains were among the first erected there. He was progressive and enterprising, and his high moral character gave him much influence in the community. He and his wife were both devout members of the Church of England. They died in Stratford many years ago, and their remains rest in the local cemetery. They had the following children: John, James, Joseph, Thomas, Frederick, Zachariah and Elizabeth.

Zachariah Terry, our subject's father, was born in Liverpool, and accompanied his parents to America. He engaged in the lumber business at Stratford with his father and brother, and what is now the market square in that town was cleared by him. He also resided for some time in Guelph, Canada, where he owned a farm of 200 acres, and in 1871 he came to Connecticut, settling in Burlington, Hartford county. There he built up an extensive lumber business, but after ten years he returned to Stratford to spend the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Episcopal Church at the time of his death, but his wife belonged to the Methodist Union Church. Mr. Terry was married at Guelph to Miss Anna Leorsage, a native of Yorkshire, England, whose qualities of mind and heart commanded the respect of all who knew her. She died at Collinsville, Conn., but her remains were taken to Stratford for interment. Her father, Capt. George Leorsage, was born in Yorkshire and followed the sea for many years, but finally located in Brooklyn, N. Y., engaging in the manufacture of rope. His last years were spent in Guelph, Ontario.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native town, and from an early age made himself a useful factor in his father's business. He was eighteen years old when the family moved to Burlington, and continued to assist his father until the latter's return to Canada, when he located at Collinsville, where he built a mill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber on an extensive scale. He owns large tracts of land in Canton, New Hartford and Burlington, and his enterprise and sound business judgment have won for him a substantial success. Mr. Terry has a host of friends, and has frequently been called upon to fill local offices, being an active and influential worker in the Republican organization. He was elected road commissioner in 1892, and first selectman in 1896, being re-elected in 1897, and in 1898 he was chosen third selectman. He and his family are prominently identified with the Episcopal Church, and he also belongs to Village Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., at Collinsville. His wife, formerly Miss Adella Garrett, is a native of the Cherry Brook District, town of Canton, and is a daughter of Andrew Garrett, and granddaughter of John Garrett, a prosperous blacksmith and respected citizen of Canton. Her mother, whose maiden name was Helen M. Case, was a daughter of Orville Case. Four children have brightened our subject's home: Hubert Leorsage, Helen R., George H. and Sarah Elizabeth.

JOHN S. SHAW, a thrifty farmer of Poquonock, and a wide-awake business man in the fullest sense of the term, is one whose position in life is due to his own well-directed efforts. He was born in Ashford, Conn., Sept. 16, 1853, and comes of sturdy Scottish stock.

Mr. Shaw's father, Alexander Shaw, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 10, 1829, a son of James and Agnes (McDonald) Shaw, lifelong residents of that country. The grandfather met his death by drowning in a canal, and left his family in limited circumstances. The children were Agnes, who married Robert Monroe, and died in Scotland; Ellen, wife of John Bryce, of Minneapolis, Minn.; James, a resident of Marlboro, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Alexander, father of our subject; and one who died in infancy. The mother of these did not long survive her husband.

After the death of his parents Alexander Shaw was taken into the home of a family who were poor but kind, and his education was limited to a few months' attendance at the public schools. On May 15, 1844, he left Glasgow on the "Wilhelmina," and landed in New York after a voyage of forty-five days, having worked his passage as cabin boy. He earned his first money in America with Solomon Fuller, a tanner of Scotland, Windham Co., Conn., working at $5 per month for two years, and then entered the employ of Gill & Davis, of the same place, who made "nigger cloth" for the Southern trade. Later he went to Wappingers Falls, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he worked in a cotton mill for $2 per week, but was soon promoted, and his wages increased. He was made dresser tender, and continued to work in the mills at that place for four years, at the end of that time accepting

a similar position at Tariffville, Conn., and later was employed in the same capacity at Ware, Mass. He next went to what was then known as Pomfret, now Putnam, Windham Co., Conn., where as dresser tender he remained until 1858, and then removed to Auburn, N. Y. While he was living there the Civil war paralyzed the cotton mills, and being thrown out of work he entered the employ of a lumber firm at that place. From there he returned to Tariffville, Conn., and was employed as yardman in a carpet factory, where he later took up the work of dressing Brussels carpet warp. In 1862 he came to Poquonock, and was dresser tender in the Austin Dunham mill until 1869, when he retired from the business, and bought his present farm from Horace H. Barnes. He has made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of good and substantial buildings, and has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

At Tariffville Alexander Shaw married Jane Forsythe, a native of Ireland, and to them were born the following children: Margaret, now the widow of William Sackett, of Poquonock; Elizabeth, Mrs. McQuitty, of Providence, R. I.; John S., our subject; Albert, a carpenter of Hartford; Ellen, who died in infancy; Agnes, who married C. A. Davis, and died in Hartford; and Lena, wife of William H. Pomeroy, of Springfield, Mass. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, died on the present farm of the family, and was buried in Poquonock cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Shaw married Euphemia McNaught, a native of Scotland. He is a Republican, and, while not a politician or office seeker, he takes a keen interest in the success of his party. He is naturally quite an intelligent man, and had he received a good education would have been fitted for almost any position in life. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the term, having started out in life for himself a poor orphan boy, and is now in the possession of a comfortable competence. He is quite well preserved for a man of his years, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of his community. He is a member of the Methodist Church, but attends the Congregational Church, to which his wife belongs.

During his boyhood and youth John S. Shaw accompanied his parents on their various removals, attended the public schools of the places in which they lived, and was employed in the mills with his father. At the age of nineteen he learned the cigar maker's trade in Hartford, with John Lentz, paying $50 for three months' instruction in that art, and then engaged in business as a cigar maker at Poquonock for six or seven years, with good success. Later he was interested in the butcher business until 1897, when he sold out. There never has been a time since 1869 that he has not been interested in a crop of tobacco, and at the present time he is quite an extensive grower. He owns the old Winchel home, and is a wide-awake, energetic and thrifty farmer, one who has worked his way upward until he is also one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of the community in which he lives. His farm is a valuable one, and has been greatly improved since coming into his possession. He is an honored member of the Grange of Poquonock, has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of constable, and in politics is strictly nonpartisan. Mr. Shaw married Miss Fannie A. Loper, a native of Hartford, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Loper.

JOSEPH WATSON VIBERT. The struggles called out by an early orphanage, pitiful at times, often prove a blessing in disguise by developing those persistent and industrious traits of character that lead steadily up the pathway to success.

Joseph W. Vibert, the subject of this sketch, when but five years of age was deprived by death of his father's care and protection. He was born on a farm in the town of Manchester, Hartford county, March 14, 1823, son of Loren and Roxa (Keeney) Vibert. At the age of nine he began working for his board and clothes in the village of Manchester, and when twelve years of age he came to East Hartford, working for a time on a farm, then spending five years of his youth in the labor of the gristmill at East Hartford. In 1847, more than a half century ago, and when he was yet a young man, Mr. Vibert moved to South Windsor. He has ever since resided in that town, in the vicinity of South Windsor post office, except two years he spent in East Hartford. In 1873 he removed to his present farm, where he has lived ever since. Mr. Vibert owns about twenty-five acres of land, fifteen of which is tobacco land. For many years he has raised with great regularity fourteen acres of tobacco each year.

Mr. Vibert was married, in November, 1850, to Miss Eveline Clark, who was born in the town of South Windsor, Sept. 25, 1827, daughter of William and Lucy (Hayes) Clark. She, too, like her husband, was orphaned when a child, her father dying when she was only eight years old. At the age of ten she went to live with the family of Horace Newberry, and there remained until her marriage to Mr. Vibert. She is a devoted wife and mother, and is beloved by all who knew her for her charitable and womanly graces of character. To Mr. and Mrs. Vibert have been born three children: Charles W., a farmer of South Windsor; Walter M., who is still at home; and Horace H., who is also a farmer of South Windsor.

In politics Mr. Vibert is a Republican. In 1891 he was nominated by the party and elected as a member of the State Legislature, serving through the session of 1892. He is honored and esteemed for his many estimable qualities; is intelligent and well informed, and is practically self-educated, for as a poor boy his opportunities for an education were few.

CHARLES HARTWELL MILLER, one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Newington, was born in Hartford Feb. 16, 1875, son of Lewis and Georgia (Nott) Miller, who are now residing on a farm on Robbins avenue, Newington.

The father is a native of Simsbury, and the mother of Hartford. The paternal grandparents of our subject were natives of Avon. Lewis Miller, like his ancestors before him, was a farmer by occupation, and shortly after his marriage located on a farm on New Britain avenue, owned by the company which conducts the Retreat for the Insane. It was on that farm that our subject was born. In 1884 Lewis Miller purchased fifty acres of land on Robbins avenue, and besides farming his place conducted an extensive milk business in Hartford. Our subject was the eldest of a family of six children: Charles Hartwell, born Feb. 16, 1875; Herbert Henry, Oct. 27, 1877; Carl Nott, July 13, 1879; Lulu, May 1, 1881; Vivian Clayton, April 1, 1883; and Elsie Baldwin.

Charles Hartwell Miller received his schooling in the White street and the Lawrence street schools, Hartford. His father removed to Newington in 1884, and afterward our subject continued his education in the Newington schools. In 1897 he purchased his father's milk business, which has increased rapidly under his management. He also looks after his father's farm, and in addition has leased an adjoining farm of several acres, which he also operates. He is a young man of sterling business qualities, and an intelligent farmer. His many estimable qualities are appreciated by the community in which he lives.

Mr. Miller married, Jan. 25, 1897, Miss Anna Clark, of Newington, and their marriage has been blessed with one child, Florence Levina, born March 14, 1898. In politics our subject is an uncompromising Republican. His ancestors have been Republican before him, and the principles of the party are thoroughly ingrained in his character. Mr. Miller is thoroughly self-reliant and energetic, and in his previous successes has gained that stability and confidence of character which has in it much of promise for the future.

ARTHUR J. CHURCHILL, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Southington, was born on the Churchill homestead in that town Dec. 20, 1862, a son of Franklin Dwight and Jane L. (Blakeslee) Churchill.

The father was born in Bethany, Conn., Feb. 14, 1834, son of Lewis and Sarah C. (Tuttle) Churchill, the former a native of Wolcott, the latter of Bethany. Lewis Churchill was born in 1793, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1859 he located in Southington, on the farm now owned and occupied by his descendants. He had four children who reached maturity: Sophronia, wife of Luke Piper; Sarah Finette, wife of Jesse Brockett; William; and Franklin D. His father, David Churchill, was born in Bristol, Conn., and married Sarah Alcott. David was a son of David Churchill, Sr., of Bristol, who married a Miss Blakeslee, of New Haven.

Franklin D. Churchill, the father of our subject, has been a resident of Southington since 1849, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. He married Jane L. Blakeslee, a native of Prospect, Conn., and a daughter of Elihu and Fanny (Baldwin) Blakeslee. Her maternal grandparents were Daniel and Temperance Baldwin. Her paternal grandfather, Sherman Blakeslee, was a blacksmith by trade, and a thorough wagon maker. He was a descendant of Samuel Blakeslee, a native of England, and also a blacksmith by trade, who came to Boston about 1630, and later removed to New Haven. Our subject is the eldest in a family of three children, the others being Franklin B. (a jeweler of Montana) and William D.

Arthur J. Churchill owns and operates a fine farm on West street, Southington, and is meeting with well-merited success in his chosen occupation. From his place he has gathered an excellent collection of Indian relics. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and a supporter of the Republican party.

JEFFREY DONAHUE, a well-known resident of New Britain, represents an excellent type of citizenship, and the high esteem in which he is held may be inferred from the fact that he has frequently been chosen to local offices of responsibility, and has never been defeated when he has appeared as a candidate.

Like many of our successful citizens Mr. Donahue is of Irish descent, and his family has been prominent in County Tipperary, Ireland, for generations. Jeffrey Donahue, our subject's grandfather, was famous as one of the "Donahues of the Glen." He was a man of fine natural talents, and throughout his life was a successful agriculturist in County Tipperary, where he was much esteemed. He married a Miss Gorman, a noted beauty, and had four children: John, Margaret, Mary and Kate, of whom two came to America.

John Donahue, our subject's father, was born at the old home in Ireland, and as a young man engaged in farming on an extensive scale for that locality. He was much esteemed in the community, and was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, to which the family has always adhered. He died in Ireland in 1854, at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife, Catherine Burke, who died in 1893, was a native of County Tipperary, and became the mother of four children of whom Jeffrey was the eldest, the others being: Thomas, who resides in Litchfield, Conn.; Mary, now deceased; and a child that died in infancy.

Jeffrey Donahue was born Dec. 23, 1843, in County Tipperary, and received a good practical

education in the National schools near his home, attending until he reached the age of sixteen. He then began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, serving four years, and gaining a thorough knowledge of all its details. For about two years he followed the trade as a journeyman in Ireland, and in April, 1865, he came to America, locating in Litchfield, Conn., now Torrington, where his brother-in-law resided. Two years later he settled in New Britain, continuing his work as a carpenter, and about 1875 he engaged in business on Beaver street, opposite his present location. For six years he was in partnership with Michael McConnell, a brother-in-law, and since that time he has carried on business alone, being very successful. Mr. Donahue takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, being a constant reader of the newspapers, and for years he has been active in municipal politics. He was a member of the City Council for three years, 1883-'84-'85, and alderman from the Third ward for two years. In 1891-'92 he was a member of the board of fire commissioners, under Mayors Pease, Corbin and Pickett, and became chairman of that body to succeed Capt. Beacon. He also served one year as assessor for the town and city, and his popularity makes him a leader in the local Democratic organization. Socially he is identified with the Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Legion and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and at one time he belonged to Putnam Phalanx.

Mr. Donahue married Miss Julia Dwyer, of New Britain, and they have had nine children, namely:—John F.; Lucy; Willie; Miss Minnie, who is at home; Thomas, deceased; Joseph, who assists his father in business; Katie, deceased; and Miss Maggie and Willie (2), who are at home.

DANIEL W. THOMAS, proprietor of the Tunnel Park Meat Market, at Hartford, but a resident of East Hartford, and occupant of a handsome dwelling on Central avenue which he erected in 1873, is one of that excellent class of citizens which any community might be proud to claim. He descends from one of the oldest families of New England, and was born in Chesterfield, N. H., July 6, 1840, the family in that State having been founded by a son of one of three brothers, who had come from England in Colonial days and settled the town of Hardwick, Massachusetts.

Daniel W. Thomas is a son of Aaron and Gratia (Cressey) Thomas, the latter a descendant of one of the wealthiest families of England. Aaron was a son of Amos and Mary (Emmons) Thomas, who attained the ages of eighty-two and eighty-eight years, respectively, and were farming people. Amos was born Oct. 11, 1765, and died Dec. 11, 1847; his wife, Eleanor, daughter of Noah Emmons, was born Sept. 29, 1759, and died June 19, 1848. Nathan Thomas, father of Amos, died in 1790, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife, Hepzibah (Farr) Thomas, died in 1818, at the age of eighty-eight. Nathan Thomas came from Hardwick, Mass., and was the founder of the family in New Hampshire. He was a farmer, and owned the farm on which our subject was born, and which has now been in the family for over two hundred years. All the Thomases are large, stalwart people, and the father of our subject weighed over 200 pounds. Our subject himself is a man of fine physique and robust constitution, and is a fine-looking man generally, by heredity.

Amos Thomas, grandfather of Daniel W., was a farmer by calling, and to his marriage with Miss Emmons were born: Susan, Oct. 17, 1785, married Lemuel Preston, and lived in Worcester, Mass.; Aaron, Jan. 10, 1787, father of Daniel W.; Lydia, Nov. 21, 1789, married Eleazer Farnsworth, and died in Brattleboro, Vt.; Amos, Nov. 28, 1791, died young; Ichabod, May 22, 1795, died in northern Vermont, at a great age; Daniel, March 8, 1797, died young; Patience, May 23, 1799, married John Bemis, and lived in Dummerston, Vt.; and Enos, June 16, 1801, died at Dummerston.

Aaron Thomas was born on the farm that became the birthplace of his son Daniel W. He served in the war of 1812, and saw service in the Black River country and at Sacket's Harbor, New York State. On Dec. 20, 1810, he married Betsey Chamberlain, who was born March 19, 1791, daughter of Ebenezer Chamberlain, and after her death, on Sept. 19, 1815, he married, Dec. 14, 1819, Miss Gratia Cressey, who was born in Chesterfield, N. H., March 12, 1793, and was a daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Wright) Cressey. Jonathan Cressey was born June 15, 1756, a son of Michael and Catherine Cressey, and Michael, born in England Aug. 10, 1728, was a son of Jonathan and Eleanor Cressey. The first wife of Aaron Thomas died leaving two children: Enos, born Aug. 6, 1812, was a mason, and passed the greater part of his life in Worcester, Mass., where he died when nearly seventy years of age; Lockhart, born March 12, 1815, who lived on the old homestead, lost his eyesight through an operation when a boy of sixteen, and was blind for years. The children by the second marriage were eight in number: Elizabeth, born Oct. 2, 1820, married John Heywood, and died in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1895; Orison, born Aug. 2, 1822, died in Sauk county, Wis., in 1898, Israel, born July 5, 1824, died on the homestead in Vermont, Jan. 4, 1863; Chester W., born April 25, 1826, in Brattleboro, was a soldier in the 4th Vt. V. I. in the war of the Rebellion; Albert J., born May 28, 1828, died Jan. 11, 1862; Emerson B., born June 1, 1830, was a member of Company K, 25th Conn. V. I., and died in the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La., June 20, 1863; Amos F., born Jan. 23, 1833, is a farmer on the old homestead in Vermont; and Daniel W. is the subject of this sketch. The father of this family passed away March 3, 1871, and the mother Aug. 5, 1844, their

remains being interred in Brattleboro, Vt. Aaron Thomas was a sheep grower, an industry largely followed in his day in New Hampshire, and died a highly-respected and well-to-do citizen. He was granted a pension for his services in the war of 1812, and continued to draw it until death. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Know-Nothing and lastly a Republican, to which party he firmly united himself; he was a strong Abolitionist. A member of the Universalist Church, he was active in its behalf up to within two years of his death. He was always well posted on the topics of the hour.

Daniel W. Thomas walked two and a half miles to and from school between the ages of four and sixteen years, and then attended the academy at West Brattleboro, Vt., one year. He assisted on the home farm until 1858, and then went to Northampton, Mass., where he was employed for some time in a steam sawmill. He next secured a position in the Vermont State Asylum, at Brattleboro, as "boss of the teams," and was there two years, while there marrying, Oct. 11, 1861, Miss Persis Kellogg, a native of Jamaica, Vt. She was born Jan. 9, 1842, daughter of Amos R. and Mary (Goodale) Kellogg, who had a family of six sons and four daughters, Mrs. Thomas being the third born and the second daughter. She was reared in Jamaica, and at fifteen taught school for $2 per week, "boarding round."

In November, 1861, Mr. Thomas came to Hartford, and was employed as a delivery man by Rodney Clark, a meat dealer at No. 506 Main street, receiving $13 per month as wages. The beef was killed early in the morning, and at once brought to town to sell. This was Mr. Thomas' first experience in the meat trade. Emerson Thomas, brother of our subject, bought out Mr. Clark, and a Mr. Cook bought out Emerson, but our subject still continued on as deliverer until he enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company K, 25th Conn. V. I. While in camp at Centreville, L. I., Mr. Thomas was detailed for duty with the signal corps, and on this duty sailed from New York for New Orleans, La., on the ship "Windemere," and saw service in the vicinity of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson, La., being present at the surrender of the latter place. On Aug. 8, 1863, he left New Orleans with the regiment and returned to New York, and on Aug. 26, 1863, was honorably discharged at Hartford, Conn. Here he went to work in the City Hall Market, on Market street, as meat cutter for John Gridley, and continued thus until March, 1864, when he was appointed on the Hartford police force, as a supernumerary; in September, 1864, he became a regular officer, and served until Nov. 1, 1875, when he resigned to go into the grocery business, at the corner of Morgan and Front streets, succeeding Charles Holden. He remained in that business until 1878, when he re-entered the meat trade, which he has followed in Hartford ever since, with the exception of two years passed in East Hartford. He became the proprietor of the Tunnel Park Market, at No. 1417 Main street, in October, 1891, and has outlived all the butchers of his early days.

To the marriage of Mr. Thomas with Miss Persis Kellogg have been born two children: Albert L., born June 19, 1864, now chief of police at South Manchester, is married to Bertha May Morton; Adah K., born Sept. 13, 1872, was married, Oct. 11, 1898, to John L. Havens, electrician to the Hartford Electric Light Co., and is residing in East Hartford.

Mr. Thomas is a stanch Republican. He is a charter member of Rodman Post, No. 65, G. A. R., of East Hartford; was first a member of Hartford Lodge, No. 82, I. O. O. F., but withdrew to help organize Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of East Hartford, of which he was the first vice-grand, and is still a member. He is an outspoken man, strives hard to do right by all his fellow men, and in consequence is honored by everybody.

H. G. MILLS, an enterprising farmer and progressive dairyman of Bloomfield, was born in New Hartford, Conn., Feb. 14, 1858, and is a son of Elijah Mills, who was born in Windsor, Conn., in 1833, but who passed many years of his life in New Hartford, with his residence at No. 14, Elmer street.

H. G. Mills was educated in the public schools of his native town, in which he continued to reside until 1876, when he removed to Windsor, Conn., where he lived four years, employed as a butcher, in association with his father. In 1880 he went to Hartford, where for four years he engaged in the same line of business on his own account, and then for two years lived in Barkhamsted, Litchfield county, Conn.; he next returned to Hartford, and for four years was employed in Colt's armory. In the spring of 1891, Mr. Mills settled in Bloomfield, and has here since been engaged in farming and in the creamery business, meeting with pecuniary success in both.

Mr. Mills was happily united in marriage, Dec. 5, 1878, at New Hartford, with Miss Alice M. Messenger, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Barnes) Messenger, of North Canton, and the result of this union has been two children—Edith May and Arthur Henry. Mr. Mills is energetic and industrious, attends strictly to his business affairs and eschews politics, never having sought nor held office, and has been respected for his probity wherever he has resided.

FRED H. THRALL. Few young men in Connecticut are as well known in business circles as is the subject of this sketch, the manager and part owner of a large farm in the town of Windsor, and his phenomenal success as a tobacco grower would seem to indicate the presence of the element of "pure luck," concerning which so many moralists

express doubt. The careful observer will find, however, that his success has not been gained without substantial cause, in which a careful and exhaustive study of methods, and an untiring energy in carrying out his plans, are joined with that remarkable aptitude for the work which brings with it a natural insight into the proper conditions to be maintained in order to produce the best results. As a mere boy he gained widely recognized superiority over men who had grown gray in the business, and the high quality of his crops is conceded by all dealers. In 1898, a notable year for tobacco growers, he was one of the first in the State to dispose of the crop, which brought the highest price paid.

Mr. Thrall was born Nov. 3, 1872, at the present homestead, a fine estate overlooking the Farmington river. His father, the late Thomas M. Thrall, was born at the homestead Nov. 23, 1840, and was educated at the old brick school in District No. 8, in the town of Windsor, where he attended during the intervals of farm work. After the death of his father he took charge of the place, in partnership with four of his brothers, and for many years he was successfully engaged in tobacco raising in connection with general farming. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and while he was not a partisan in the strict sense of the word he took an influential part in local affairs, and at one time served as first selectman. While he left a handsome competence, his best legacy to his children was an honorable name, and the memory of a life crowned by many generous deeds. On Jan. 31, 1865, he married Miss Emma I. Treadway, who was born Jan. 4, 1842, in New London county, Conn., and they had two children, of whom our subject is the younger. Cora E. married Arthur B. Cowan, of Hartford, and has three sons, Raymond T., Kenneth B. and Thomas L. Thomas M. Thrall died May 22, 1889, and his widow is still living at the homestead, the passing years leaving her in unimpaired health. She is noted as one of the best housekeepers in the town of Windsor, her industry and energy having been put to the test by the care of a large house even before her marriage. Her kind heart has won her the esteem of the entire community, and as a wife and mother she has proved herself worthy of all honor.

During boyhood our subject attended the local schools, with three years at Windsor Academy, and in the meantime he took keen interest in the work of the farm, in which he assisted at times. Even then he was a student of scientific methods of tobacco raising, and often wanted to test plans which he has since put in operation with excellent results. He was not yet seventeen when his father died, and he continued with his uncles in the management of the place, gradually assuming more and more responsibility. While he is of powerful build he does not take off his coat and work with his help, but simply oversees and directs as he sees fit. At present he is the most extensive grower in the town, and is individually the chief owner of the homestead. Seven men are employed the year round, while during the busy season eighty or ninety are needed. It is Mr. Thrall's policy to pay good wages, and secure the best help, regarding this as essential to good results, and his ideas are in every way thoroughly progressive. In addition to the care of his farm he is interested in various corporate enterprises, being a director in the Windsor Fair Association, and the Tobacco Growers Insurance Co., for protection against hail. As a citizen he enjoys a high reputation, and while he is too busy with his private affairs to hold office he gives efficient aid to the local Democratic organization, and serves as a delegate to county conventions at different times. Unlike many young men he is inclined to remain at home and attend to business rather than to seek enjoyment elsewhere; if he has a "hobby" it is a fondness for a good horse, and he owns several fine specimens. He is generous at heart, and, as in past generations, the Thrall homestead is a place where no one is turned away from the door hungry.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TURNER. Upon the old Turner homestead that stands on the "Green road," in the town of Glastonbury, and which has been in the possession of the family for more than a century, the subject of this sketch, a prominent, successful and highly-esteemed farmer, was born Aug. 22, 1836, son of Chauncey and Hopestill (Wrisley) Turner, and grandson of William H. and Mercy (Wrisley) Turner.

The grandfather was born in Boston, Mass., in 1764, of excellent parentage. It was common in those days to bind out children for a term of years to learn a trade or other vocation, and when Elizur Hubbard, a merchant of East Glastonbury, visiting in Boston, and, being attracted by the bright-eyed boy, offered to give him a practical business education in his East Glastonbury store, the proposition was not so uncommon as it would be to-day. The mother consented that her boy should make the long journey, but it must have been with serious misgivings, for she stipulated that Mr. Hubbard should occasionally bring him to Boston to visit her. But the parting between mother and son was final, perhaps partly in consequence of the troublous years which about that time swept over the country, resulting in the freedom of America. In later years Capt. Goodale, a cattle dealer of East Glastonbury, chanced to meet the mother at a Boston boarding-house, and in response to inquiries bore to her the interesting information that her son had prospered, had married, and had a family of children, and that he was captain of a coasting vessel plying between Hartford and New York. When Capt. Goodale related to Capt. Turner that he had met the latter's mother, Capt. Turner resolved to visit and bring her to the Glastonbury home which he had bought from Dr.

Abner Mosley, and which is now owned by our subject. But before he could put his plans into execution he was drowned, June 25, 1810, while trying to board his vessel in the Connecticut river, near East Glastonbury. He married Mercy Wrisley, born in East Glastonbury in 1771, who died March 20, 1830. To William H. and Mercy Turner were born nine children: (1) William H., who became a sailor, lived in Glastonbury, served in the war of 1812, and died in 1872, aged eighty-four years. He was twice married, and by his second wife, Bathsheba Brewster Wrisley, had five children. (2) James, who married Millie Galpin, a native of Berlin, and became a prominent manufacturer of woolen goods at Winchester, N. H., where he died at a ripe old age. He was a prominent citizen, and represented his town in the State Legislature. He left five children, Martha, William, Eunice, Aurelius (who became very wealthy), and Arlette. (4) Alanson, who married Emeline Galpin, sister of Millie Galpin (above), was in business for a time with his brother James at Winchester, N. H., then removed to Norwich, Mass., where he died, aged eighty-four years, soon after his return from a visit to his boyhood home. (5) Robert married Caroline Ellis, of Orange, Mass., and became a manufacturer. He was fatally burned in the great fire at Saginaw, Mich., in April, 1896. His son, Judge Henry Ellis Turner, lives at Lowville, N. Y., served in the Civil war, represented his town in the State Senate at Albany, and is a well-known orator and poet. (6) Sanford married Hannah Buttrick, of Pepperell, Mass., and became a merchant, manufacturer and traveling salesman for his brothers James and Alanson. He died in Oneida county, N. Y. (7) George married Mercy House. He was a salesman for a time in Henry Benton's store, at Glastonbury, was later engaged in the mercantile business at Bangor, Maine, and died in Arkansas. (8) Marcia, born in 1797, died Nov. 24, 1813. (9) Mary, born in 1799, died May 7, 1818.

Chauncey Turner, the father of our subject, was born at East Glastonbury, and followed farming all his life. In 1814 he married Hopestill Wrisley, a native of Marlboro, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Lydia, who married Alvin House, and died at Glastonbury in 1899, aged eighty-two years; Mary E., of Glastonbury; Norman, of Glastonbury; Samuel, who married Sarah Frost, of New York, and has one child, Mary, now Mrs. Sumner Jackson, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mercy, widow of Frederick Barber, who as a member of Company H, 16th Conn. V. I., was killed at the battle of Antietam; Charlotte, wife of Denison G. Markham, a retired merchant of Providence, R. I.; and Benjamin F., subject of this sketch.

Benjamin F. Turner was born Aug. 22, 1836, in Glastonbury. In his youth he attended the common schools and one year in a select school. He remained at home, engaged in farm work, until he was twenty-one years of age, and then went to Naubuc, where he was employed at finishing work for a time in Curtis Bros.' factory. Thence he moved to Meriden, where he accepted a position with the Britannia Co. While so employed he enlisted for nine months, Aug. 23, 1862, in Company G, 25th Conn. V. I., under the late Capt. Charles Talcott. The regiment was in service a year, participating in the Texas and Louisiana campaigns under Gen. Banks. For brave and meritorious conduct Mr. Turner was, greatly to his surprise, upon the recommendation of the Colonel, commissioned a second lieutenant. He served with the regiment throughout the entire campaign, and never missed a roll-call or day's service, and he escaped without a wound. After his discharge from the army at Hartford, Lieut. Turner went to Boston, and worked in an office there until the death of his father, in 1865, when he returned to the home farm. This he operated until 1866, when he engaged in the drug business at Providence, R. I. His health failing, he at the request of his mother returned to Glastonbury and re-occupied the homestead. His mother died in 1885, and in 1892 he purchased and moved to his present farm, which he has since occupied, at the same time operating the old homestead. He carries on general farming and tobacco growing. Mr. Turner married, Dec. 30, 1880, Ida S. Smith, a native of Glastonbury, daughter of Alfred Smith, who moved to Glastonbury from Granby, Mass. The family of our subject and wife consists of two children: Benjamin Floyd, born in August, 1889, and Ruth Hopestill, born Dec. 24, 1891.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican. He served his town as first selectman in 1880, and has since served on the board. He is also at present a member of the board of relief. He is a member of D. C. Rodman Post, G. A. R., East Hartford, and of the F. & A. M. lodge at Meriden. Himself and wife are members of the Congregational Church. Both are highly esteemed throughout the community for their many most estimable qualities, and are among the leading and influential residents of the town.

NORTON. The "Farmington Nortons," in Hartford county, trace their lineage in America from John Norton, who was one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington, which then included what are now known as Southington, New Britain, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Avon, Plainville, and parts of Wolcott, Harwinton and Bloomfield. An interesting account of the earlier ancestry in England, as well as of various members of the family in the line we trace, will be found in the biography of Marshall Parrish Norton, which appears on page 544 of this volume. The latter's descent from John is through John (2), Ebenezer, Ebenezer (2), Parrish and Gad.

(1) John Norton, born about 1620-24, in London (probably), came to America with his wife

Dorathy, in or before 1640, locating first in Branford, Conn., where he was one of the earliest "planters." In 1659 he removed with his family to Farmington. He died Nov. 5, 1709. Dorathy, his first wife, died Jan. 24, 1652, at Branford. Elizabeth, his second, died Nov. 6, 1657, and he subsequently wedded Elizabeth Clark, of Saybrook, who died in 1702. Children by first marriage: Elizabeth, who married John Plum, of Milford, in 1668; Hannah, who married Samuel North, of Farmington, in 1666; Dorathy; and John, who died at Branford in 1657. By second marriage: John, mentioned below. By third marriage: Samuel, who died in Farmington in 1659; and Thomas, who married Hannah Rose June 7, 1700.

(II) John Norton (2), born at Branford, Oct. 14, 1657, married Ruth Moore, of Farmington, who was born Jan. 5, 1657, daughter of Deacon Isaac and Ruth (Standly) Moore. He died April 25, 1725. Children, all born at Farmington: Ruth married Thomas Seymour, of Hartford, Feb. 25, 1700; Elizabeth married Samuel Catlin, of Hartford, June 5, 1723; Ellen married Samuel Catlin, of Hartford, in 1703; Isaac married Elizabeth Galpin, of Stratford, in 1707; John married Anne Thompson May 6, 1708; Mary married (first) John Pantry, Jr., and (second) Solomon Boltwood; Sarah married Samuel Newell, of Farmington, Aug. 10, 1710; Hannah married John Pratt, of Hartford, in 1713; Dorcas married Joseph Bird, of Salisbury; Thomas married Elizabeth Macon, of Stratford, in 1724, and in 1739 wedded Mrs. Rachael Pomeroy; Ebenezer is next in the line of descent.

(III) Ebenezer Norton, born in 1699, at Farmington, was one of the early settlers of Southington, where he died March 21, 1750. On July 7, 1726, he married Sarah Savage, of Middletown, who died March 11, 1795, and they had eight children: Christian married Daniel Tuttle; Sarah married Samuel Hooker, of Berlin; Freelove; Delight married Timothy Upson, of Southington, March 25, 1755; Bethuel married Lois Hart, of Farmington; Ebenezer is mentioned below; Isaac married Phœbe Lewis; Ashbel died while serving in the French war.

(IV) Ebenezer Norton (2), born in 1746, died at Southington Oct. 3, 1807. In 1773 he married Sybil Parrish, of Branford, who died Feb. 16, 1817. Children: Seth married (first) Lydia Gillette, of Southington, and later wedded Active Byington, of Wolcott; Christian married William Gilbert, of Southington; Ezra married (first) Sylvia Cowles, of Southington, and later wedded Mrs. Harriet Smith, of Bristol; Polly married Barrett Hendrick, of Bristol; Ruth was three times married, her first husband named Samuel Lowry, her second Lewis, her third Ferguson; Ebenezer died unmarried; Parrish is mentioned below; Betsey died March 18, 1873, unmarried; Nancy married Jared Horton, of Walingford; Lot married a Mrs. Phinney, of Farmington; Harmon married Maria Wightman, of Southington.

(V) Parrish Norton, born in 1786, in Southington, died Aug. 11, 1838. On Oct. 10, 1811, he married Betsey Rice, of Cheshire, who died Sept. 19, 1854. Children: Josiah died June 9, 1826, at the age of fourteen; Andrew married (first) Miranda Byington, of Wolcott, and later wedded Esther Spencer, of Plainville; Gad is mentioned below; Lucinda married Lester Rodney Lee, of Bristol; Levi married Sarah Byington, of Wolcott; Hiram married Martha Barnes, of Southington.

(VI) Gad Norton, born in Southington Oct. 24, 1815, died May 4, 1898. On Oct. 23, 1839, he married Mary A. Wiard, daughter of Solomon and Olive (Comes) Wiard, of Wolcott. Children: Marshall Parrish, Alice J., Julius G. (who died in 1871), and Gilbert E. The last named inherits the old homestead.

(VII) Marshall Parrish Norton was born June 10, 1842, in Southington.

JARED GOODRICH was for many years prominently identified with the manufacturing and agricultural interests of Plainville, but for a number of years prior to his death laid aside all business cares and lived retired.

Mr. Goodrich was born in Glastonbury, this county, Oct. 20, 1810, and was a lineal descendant of William Goodrich, the founder of this branch of the family in America. The latter, a native of England, is supposed to have come to America about 1642, though the first entry on the Connecticut records relative to him is that of his marriage to Sarah Marvin, in 1648. He was not admitted as a freeman of Connecticut until May 15, 1656. He was deputy from Wethersfield to the General Court held in Hartford May 15, 1652, and was also one of the grand jury. Just after the close of King Philip's war, in 1676, he was called Ensign William Goodrich. He died that year, and his widow afterward married Capt. William Curtis, of Stratford, Conn., where she died in 1702. From William Goodrich our subject traced his ancestry through the following: Ephraim and Sarah (Treat) Goodrich; David and Sarah (Edwards) Goodrich; and David and Prudence (Benton) Goodrich, who were his great-grandparents. All were residents of Glastonbury. His grandparents, Roswell and Rachel (Stevens) Goodrich, had a family of five children: Israel; Anna, wife of David Talcott; Pruda; Joseph; and Betsey. Israel Goodrich, the father of our subject, was born in Glastonbury July 27, 1784, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming. Being an excellent violinist he was quite prominent in musical circles in his day, and taught a dancing school. He married Miss Harriet Miller, also a native of Glastonbury, and they reared a family of four children: Orson, who married Phebe Cone; Mary; Jared, our subject; and John.

Jared Goodrich grew to manhood in Glastonbury, where he received a rather limited education in the schools of his day. On starting out in life for himself he was employed in the clock shops of Bris-

tol for several years, and coming to Plainville in 1841 he embarked in the manufacture of clocks on his own account with William Hills, under the firm name of Hills & Goodrich. He continued in that business for several years, and then returned to Bristol. In 1849 he caught the "gold fever," and went to California by the Panama route, remaining on the Pacific slope one year. In 1853 he again took up his residence in Plainville, where he founded what is now known as the Plainville Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of knit goods, and he was interested in that enterprise for over twenty years. After selling out he devoted his attention to raising tobacco for several years, but during his latter years lived retired, having become one of the solid and substantial citizens of Plainville. His career affords an example to the young, in that he commenced life for himself without capital, but having a determination to succeed he industriously applied himself until he accumulated a handsome competence.

On Nov. 10, 1839, Mr. Goodrich married Miss Sophronia Pierce, a daughter of Noble A. and Lydia (Gridley) Pierce, of Bristol, and to this union four children were born: Henrietta L.; John L.; Edward P.; and Mary E., wife of George D. Clark. In political sentiment Mr. Goodrich was a Democrat. He was one of the oldest residents of the town, honored and respected by all, and by his genial, pleasant manner surrounded himself with a host of warm friends. He passed away March 20, 1900, his wife preceding him to the grave Aug. 12, 1897, and both rest in the Plainville cemetery.

EDDIE P. TERRY, a prominent and prosperous agriculturist, dealer in milk and ice, Enfield, is a native of that village, born April 3, 1855, a son of Lyman and Caroline Augusta (Pease) Terry. Lyman Terry, his grandfather, a lifelong farmer in Enfield, married a Miss Pease, daughter of Walter and Rhoda (Terry) Pease, of Enfield.

Lyman Terry, father of our subject, was born March 12, 1824, in Enfield, Conn., in early life followed the trade of carpenter, made plows, and in his later days followed farming up to his death, in 1891. In 1857 he married Caroline Augusta Pease, who died in 1891, the mother of one child, our subject.

Eddie P. Terry received a liberal education in the public schools, and at the age of nineteen he learned the trade of paper maker, which he followed seven years, and then for seven years engaged in the wholesale and retail milk business in Enfield. He has also carried on farming on the homestead, and during the winter of 1898-99 he added the retail ice business.

FRANCIS REUBEN WARNER, farmer and mechanic, and now living retired in Forestville, is a native of Massachusetts, born Dec. 7, 1842, in Granville.

Reuben Warner, father of Francis R., was born in Suffield, Conn., April 24, 1813, and died in Southwick, Mass., Nov. 19, 1854. By occupation he was a farmer, in politics a Democrat. On Dec. 9, 1838, he married Sally Goodwin, who was born Dec. 25, 1819, in Elizabethtown, N. Y., and died Sept. 15, 1869. The following children came of this union: (1) Maria L., born Nov. 29, 1839, was married Nov. 3, 1856, to Milo J. Holcomb, a farmer of Granby, Conn. (2) Curtis H., born July 6, 1841, died July 3, 1859. (3) Francis R. is our subject. (4) Joel D., born Oct. 15, 1845, died June 5, 1892. (5) Isaac A., born April 24, 1850, died Aug. 9, 1865. (6) Eliza A., born April 5, 1852, was married in 1874 to Albert Veazy, of Forestville.

Truman Warner, grandfather of Francis R., was born in Suffield, Conn., and was a lifelong agriculturist, as were his forefathers before him, for the most part. He married Abiah Middleton, a lady of Scottish descent, and nine children were born to them: Polly, Abiah, Betsey, David, Stillman, Reuben, Laura, Cynthia and Charity.

Francis R. Warner, the subject proper of this sketch, was five years of age when his parents removed from the place of his birth to Southwick, Mass., and there he received his education. At the age of eleven, on leaving school, he commenced working on the farm of Charles Barnes, in North Granby, Conn., whence after two years he moved to West Hartland, and for one year worked for Wells Moore. He then went to East Granby, and was in the employ of Joseph Viets about two years, from there going to Windsor and working one year for William Barnes, also one year for Lathrop Griswold; then returned to Mr. Barnes, and remained with him until his enlistment, Aug. 18, 1862, in Company A, 22d Conn. V. I. On July 7, 1863, he was mustered out of the service, and returned home to the pursuits of peace, re-entering the employ of William Barnes, in Windsor. After one year there he leased a farm of Eliphalet Ladd, which he conducted three years; thence went to New Britain and took charge of the town farm and roads, one year. We now find Mr. Warner in Thompsonville, engaged in the butchering business with his uncle, Samuel D. Holcomb, but at the end of a year he removed to Forestville, and went to work in the Welch & Spring Co.'s clock factory, continuing there some three years, in various departments. He then returned to New Britain, and for a year conducted Henry Welch's farm; thence once more proceeded to Windsor, where he again leased the Ladd farm, for twelve years, growing tobacco thereon. In 1885 we once more find him in Forestville, following the businesses of teaming and raising garden vegetables; but at the end of a couple of years he gave that up and went to work in the "burner shop" of the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., there remaining some eleven years, or until December, 1897, since when he has lived practically retired.

On April 12, 1864, Mr. Warner was united in

marriage with Julia A. Crane, who was born Aug. 2, 1840, in West Hartford, Conn., daughter of Warren Smith and Julia (Bull) Crane. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) Frederick A., born Oct. 4, 1865, is proprietor of tonsorial parlors in Forestville; on May 4, 1899, he married Ida Sherman, of Somerville, Mass. (2) Lillian A., born Feb. 12, 1868, died Dec. 27, 1872. (3) Warren C., born Dec. 22, 1870, is a clerk in J. S. Deming & Co.'s store in Forestville. (4) Henry A., born Feb. 5, 1873, has been employed in William Reynolds' drug store, Forestville. (5) Frank L., born June 5, 1876, is a barber by occupation; he married Kate Collins, of Forestville. (6) Maude A., born Sept. 12, 1882, and (7) William B., born July 17, 1885, are both at home, the latter going to school.

In politics Mr. Warner is a Democrat, and is a member of the board of selectmen, to which he was elected in 1898. Socially he is affiliated with Newton S. Manross Post, No. 57, G. A. R., at Forestville, in which he has served as quartermaster-sergeant.

ALBERT B. PIERCE, who was engaged in general farming and dairying in the town of Manchester, was born June 5, 1844, on a farm in the town of South Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., and died June 25, 1899.

Mr. Pierce grew to manhood on the farm where he was born, receiving his education in the common schools, and engaging in agricultural pursuits until his enlistment, on May 1, 1861, when a mere lad of sixteen, in response to Lincoln's first call for three-months men. He served his term as a member of Company B, First Conn. V. I., seeing his first active service at the battle of Manassas, in which he was slightly wounded. He returned to Hartford after receiving his discharge, and remained at home for some months, but as his parents, who had objected to his first enlistment, consented to a second, he became a member of Company L, 1st Conn. H. A., Feb. 15, 1862, and joined his regiment in front of Yorktown. He served in the Fifteenth Army Corps, under Fitz-John Porter, Gen. McClellan commanding, and took part in the engagements at White Oak, Gaines Mills, Malvern Hill, Fair Oaks, Chickahominy Bridge, and in many skirmishes and lesser affairs, serving faithfully until his final discharge, Feb. 15, 1865, at Fort Fisher, N. C. Returning to his old home, he remained there for a few months, and then spent a year at Providence, R. I., thence going to Hartford, Conn., where he also remained for about a year, coming from that city to South Manchester. Here he was engaged for some time in the silk mills of Cheney Brothers, and after leaving their employ he went South, residing for nine years in Virginia and Ohio. In 1896 he again came to the town of Manchester, settling on a farm of thirty-six acres which he owned and cultivated. In addition to general farming he engaged in dairying to some extent, and he made a success of both, prospering as a result of industry and thrifty management in his work. Mr. Pierce was a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1873 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Crenshaw, of Virginia, who passed away March 16, 1897.

PLINY BARNARD PARSONS, a prominent and enterprising farmer of Enfield, was born there Nov. 24, 1823, a son of Rufus and Rebecca (Nims) Parsons, natives of Enfield, Conn., and Conway, Mass., respectively.

Our subject is a descendant of Philip Parsons, who is mentioned elsewhere. The great-grandparents of our subject were Nathaniel and Alice (Collins) Parsons, the great-grandmother being a daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Collins, the first resident Congregational clergyman of Enfield. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Shubael and Lucy (Pease) Parsons.

Rufus Parsons, the father of our subject, was a general mechanic and contractor. His children were: Pliny, Rufus, Jeremiah, Rebecca (Mrs. Rodway Russell), Austin, Ralzemon, Horace, Abigail and Pliny B., all deceased except our subject.

Pliny Barnard Parsons was reared in Enfield, and has always lived within a mile of his present residence. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years became proprietor of a sawmill, which he operated for ten years. For forty-six years he has been a mover of buildings, and has also engaged extensively in farming and tobacco raising.

Mr. Parsons has been twice married, first time to Emily, daughter of Jeremiah B. and Emily (Pease) Allen, of Enfield. She bore him six children: Ellen (Mrs. Hiram Terry), Hattie (Mrs. Joseph Allen, deceased), Mervin (who died in March, 1898), Annie, Alice (Mrs. H. Stephen Bridge), and a daughter who died in infancy. For his second wife he married Mrs. Jennie (Hodge) Wilson, of Hadley, Mass. Mr. Parsons and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church of Enfield. He is a Republican in politics, and has served the town one term as selectman.

GEORGE P. CLARK. Among the able and energetic business men whose enterprise has extended the fame of this section as a manufacturing center is the subject of this biography, a leading resident of Windsor Locks. In all parts of the civilized world the superiority of the articles stamped with his name is conceded, and the large variety of trucks for all purposes which are manufactured in his establishment has won popular favor in a marked degree. In simplicity and strength of construction they are all that could be wished, and the improved rubber wheels with which they are fitted make them especially desirable in offices, libraries, banks and other places where noise is to be avoided. Mr. Clark also makes a specialty of

ventilating and exhaust fans, now rapidly becoming a necessity, and an adaptation of the same idea has produced the most perfect fan now on the market for the use of dyers and others who need drying facilities. His patent rubber rolls for dryers and wringing machines are no less popular, and he manufactures various sorts of machinery and outfittings for dyeing establishments, including cedar vats, dye compositions for cloth, warp dyeing and sizing machines, wringers for the hand or power, and with or without cloth folding attachment, in fact, a mere list of the articles sent out from his factories would extend the limits of this sketch unduly. Three attractive catalogues have been issued to the trade, furnishing an impressive view of the versatility of Mr. Clark, who is not only a shrewd and successful business man, but is the inventor of his own designs for machinery.

A survey of the life of the man whose mental activity forms the mainspring of this enterprise will be of lasting interest. He was born January 19, 1839, at Easthampton, Mass., where his father, Simeon P. Clark, was then a prosperous builder. He was left fatherless at the early age of four years, and on leaving school he found employment with a florist and market gardener at Easthampton. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, 27th Mass. V. I., and for three years and one month he remained in active service, taking part in thirty-two engagements. Of thirty-six who went from his town he was the only one who served until peace was declared, and when mustered out he held the rank of sergeant, earned by gallant conduct. On his return to the North he went to Syracuse, N. Y., to learn telegraphy, and six months later he came to this section to enter the woolen factory of Dwight, Skinner & Co., of Windsor Locks, the head of the firm being the captain of his company during the war. He remained with that company twenty years, succeeding John L. Chase as superintendent, and in the meanwhile perfected several patents, the first being a rubber roll for scouring wool. His next patent was on a rubber caster and the rubber wheels which are such a valuable feature of the trucks now manufactured by him, and for some years he was interested in placing this article on the market as a "side issue." In 1892 he turned his attention exclusively to his present business, his factory being built in the following year.

In 1867 Mr. Clark was married at East Granby, Conn., to Miss Alderman, who died six months later. His second wife was Miss Emma Talbot, of East Granby, and they have had four children: George E., now a student in Harvard University; Leila M.; Leland, who died at the age of three years, and Bertha, who died when five years old. The family is prominent in social life, and Mr. Clark is a leading member of the Congregational Church at Windsor Locks. He also belongs to E. K. Wilcox Post, No. 16, G. A. R., at Springfield, Mass., and some years ago he united at Suffield, Conn., with the Masonic order, becoming later a charter member of Euclid Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M., at Windsor. His sympathies are with every project for local improvement, and his interest in educational matters is shown by his effective work on the board of education of Windsor Locks.

JOSEPH SCHEIDEL. Among some of the most enterprising and successful citizens of Burlington are those who were born in Germany, and have brought to this fertile and productive country the thrift and economy of the Old World. Among these there is no figure that stands out more prominently in the history of the town than Joseph Scheidel, a well-known farmer and lumber manufacturer.

Mr. Scheidel was born in Baden, Germany, April 28, 1847, a son of Loran and Elizabeth Scheidel, natives of the same place. The father was a well-educated man in his native language, and was a linen weaver by trade, following that occupation in Germany for many years. In 1864 he came to America on the sailing-vessel "Isabelle," which was seven weeks in crossing the Atlantic. He landed at New York with his wife, daughter Fredericka, and our subject, and from there came to Collinsville, Hartford Co., Conn., where he was employed in the grinding department of the Collins Co.'s works for eight years. He then removed to the farm in Burlington now owned and occupied by our subject, who cared for him in his declining years. There he died and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Collinsville. He was an industrious man, a good citizen, a loving husband and father, and a faithful member of the Catholic Church, to which his widow also belongs. She is still living at the ripe age of eighty-four years, and finds a pleasant home with our subject. In their family were four children: Benjamin, who came to America about 1854, and is employed at the Collins Co.'s works in Collinsville; Fredericka, wife of Christian Zitler; Joseph, subject of this review; and John, who died before the emigration of the family to the United States.

Joseph Scheidel attended the schools of his native land, receiving a good German education, and also worked at weaving with his father. He was seventeen years of age when he came with the family to the New World, and took up his residence in Collinsville, where he found employment with Mr. Wilkison, polishing screw drivers. Later he was a trusted employe of the Collins Co. for the long period of thirty-three years, working in different departments of their works. In 1870 he bought the Charles Scoville farm of 125 acres in Burlington, and since then has also been interested in general farming, stock raising, dairying and the manufacture of lumber. For the past seven years he has also successfully conducted a fine distillery upon his farm. He is an enterprising, progressive business man who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and has become quite well-to-do.

In 1898, at the Catholic Church, in Collinsville, Mr. Scheidel was married by Rev. Father Welsh to Miss Catherine Hair, also a native of Germany, and to them have been born ten children: Benjamin and George, who now operate the home farm; John, who is engaged in teaming; Minnie, wife of Julius Horn; William, Frances, Lawrence and Seva, at home; and Adam and Elizabeth, who died young. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Scheidel is a Democrat.

ADDISON MONROE HALE, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Glastonbury, is a member of one of the pioneer families of that locality, his great-grandfather, Isaac Hale, having been one of the first white men to settle in the northeastern part of the town, near South Manchester.

Isaac Hale was born in 1733, and died suddenly Jan. 27, 1797, while on an errand to his cellar. He bought a large tract of land of the Indians, in the northeastern part of the town. For one quart of rum and one bag of corn he could buy as much land as he could walk over in a day, marking the trees by chipping them with an ax, and for a mug of "flip" he could get land as far as he could throw a stone. The use of spirituous liquors was not considered so disgraceful then as at the present time. The Indians, the "Winnechaugs," from whom a mountain near by is named, shortened now to "Winchug," retained a piece of land (near where Addison M. Hale's grist-mill now stands), for their reservation, also the privilege of fishing from the stream and hunting in the forest. Isaac Hale settled and reared his family on the farm now owned by Addison M. Hale by inheritance. He lived on very friendly terms with the Indians, and often provided food and clothing for them during the severe winters, when they would otherwise have suffered, as they were very lazy and improvident. Isaac Hale's wife, Lucy, lived to be ninety years old, and died of a cancer, caused by a fall while making soap out of doors. They were a strong, rugged couple. He was a large man with light hair and large blue eyes. They had ten children who lived to mature years. The principles of integrity and industry were thoroughly implanted in their hearts, and the same traits characterize their descendants. As far as can be ascertained, not one of them brought the name of Hale to dishonor, as no criminals, drunkards or paupers are among them. They are scattered widely, yet we find them honorable men and women, and very much respected in the communities in which they live. Out of the large tract of land which Isaac Hale purchased of the Indians, he divided large farms for his ten children, Isaac, Marvain, Timothy, Edward, Frary, George, Eunice, Mrs. James Coville, Mrs. Zebulon Bidwell, and Waite. He gave each of them ten Spanish dollars, with the wish that they be handed down to their heirs, saying he wanted them to always have some pocket money. Addison M. Hale, our subject, has the original dollars, as well as the Isaac Hale farm, which the latter gave to his son, Waite Hale, our subject's grandfather. It was on this farm that the homestead was located.

Waite Hale, our subject's grandfather, who was much younger than the rest of the family, was born on our subject's present farm, where he resided all his life, following agricultural pursuits. He died at the age of eighty-one years, in the same house in which he was born. He married Abigail Hollister, and had a large family of children as follows: (1) Clement married Marinda Bidwell; (2) Gideon I. married a Miss Johnson; (3) Timothy H. married Catherine Strong; (4) Waite, Jr.; (5) Orange married Eliza Johnson; (6) Orrin married Sophia Fox; (7) Emeline married a Mr. Holmes; (8) Henrietta married Eldrige Andrews; (9) Abigail married a Mr. Lattimer.

Orrin Hale, the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old homestead, and became a farmer by occupation. He died Aug. 9, 1853, aged forty-seven years. His wife, Sophia (Fox), a native of Vernon, died Sept. 5, 1853, aged forty-three years. Our subject was the youngest of five children, the others being: Alfred, a sailor who spent many years on the water, and died unmarried; Abbie, who died young; Louisa, who died in early womanhood; and Elizabeth, who married Henry P. Rix, of Tolland county, Connecticut.

Our subject was born Dec. 5, 1851, in the house in which he now lives. He was one and a half years old when his father died, and was taken by his uncle, Orange Hale, with whom he remained, and as his uncle's health failed with declining years our subject took charge of his farm, which he now owns and operates. He is an industrious man, and a good manager, and has the assistance of a wife whose good common sense makes her advice most valuable. In politics Mr. Hale is a Republican, but he votes independently on local affairs, and has never held office. He and his family attend the Congregational Church.

On April 17, 1878, Mr. Hale married Florence Brock, born Jan. 25, 1856, at Middletown, Conn., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Roberts) Brock. Her father was a well-known agriculturist of that town. Four children have blessed the union: Herbert E., born Aug. 23, 1879; Everett O., born Dec. 7, 1883; Mary, born Aug. 1, 1888; and Sarah, born April 17, 1890.

GEORGE TURVEY MATHEWSON, a prominent business man of Thompsonville, and one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Enfield, is a son of John and Ann (Turvey) Mathewson, natives of London, England, who came to the United States in 1845.

John Mathewson was by occupation a powder maker, and for several years was superintendent of the large powder mills at Hounslow, England, a position his father (also named John) had long occupied. John Mathewson, father of our subject, was for fourteen years employed by the Hazard

Powder Co., as superintendent of their extensive works at Hazardville. In 1860 he started a brewery in Thompsonville, which he successfully operated until his death, in 1879. His widow died in 1888. Their family consisted of eight children: John, deceased; Edwin H., of the firm of Lounsbury & Mathewson, boot and shoe manufacturers in South Norwalk, Conn., the senior member being ex-governor of the State; Annie E., Mrs. W. O. Collins; Albert H., of Enfield; Florence A.; George T.; Herbert A., of South Norwalk; and Charles P., of Cleveland, Ohio.

George T. Mathewson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Enfield, March 13, 1859, and received his primary education in the schools of his native town, after which he took a course of instruction at Selleck's Academy, South Norwalk. In 1876 he began his business career, entering the brewery belonging to his father, and after the latter's death he and his brother Albert H. succeeded to the business, which they have since successfully conducted under the firm name of Mathewson Bros. From a small beginning the business has grown until the annual output is now about eight thousand barrels of ale.

Mr. Mathewson, in addition to his brewery interests, is a member of the Westfield Plate Co., of Thompsonville, an incorporated concern engaged in the manufacture of casket hardware, the members of the firm being W. O. Collins, president; George T. Mathewson, vice-president; and Albert H. Mathewson, treasurer and manager. Our subject is also president of the Enfield & Longmeadow Electric Railway Co. Socially he is a member of Doric Lodge, No. 94, F. & A. M.; of Washington Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.; and of Suffield Council. In public affairs he has always taken a keen interest, is active in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and for two terms (1891-93) represented Enfield in the lower house of the Legislature. He is now (1899) president of the State Board of Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Mathewson was married, May 21, 1885, to Laura A., daughter of Henry P. Allen, of Enfield, and three children have been born to them: Allen, Grace and George T., Jr. Though reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church Mr. Mathewson is not a member of any religious organization, but contributes liberally to the support of the different churches of the town. Mrs. Mathewson is a member of the Congregational Church.

GEORGE SHERLOCK ALLEN, one of the gallant defenders of the Union during the Civil war, and the efficient superintendent of the plant of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., at Plantsville, Hartford County, was born in Wallingford, Conn., Sept. 21, 1842, son of William Dewey and Elvira (Benham) Allen, the former a native of Catskill, N. Y., the latter of Cheshire, Conn. His maternal grandfather, Joseph Benham, was a farmer of Cheshire. In early life the father learned the blacksmith's trade, in North Haven, Conn., where he continued to follow it for some years, and then removed to Wallingford, where he died in 1857. His children were George S., Lyman D., William A. and Charles J.

The subject of this sketch is indebted to the public schools of Wallingford for his educational advantages, as he was there reared to manhood. On Oct. 20, 1861, he joined Company C, 8th Conn. V. I., and after his first term of service expired he re-enlisted as a veteran, in 1864. He was in all the engagements in which his regiment participated, and was honorably discharged Dec. 12, 1865. After the war Mr. Allen worked in a spoon factory in Wallingford for fourteen years, and since 1879 has been connected with the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., at Plantsville, as a contractor for nineteen years, and as superintendent of the Plantsville plant since 1898. He is a straightforward, reliable business man, one who commands the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

On Feb. 22, 1864, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Miss Lucy D. Jeralds, a daughter of Bennett and Lucy (Mix) Jeralds, of Wallingford, and two children have been born of this union, Laura D. and Maude E. Socially Mr. Allen affiliates with Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M.; Triune Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M.; Temple Council, No. 32, R. & S. M.; Trumbull Post, No. 16, G. A. R.; and Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F. He served as assistant chief of the Southington Fire Department for ten years; has been a member of the board of education; and has filled the office of burgess. As a citizen he has always been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as when he followed the old flag on Southern battle fields.

H. A. OSBORNE was born at Granby, Hartford county, as were also his father, William, and his grandfather, David, both of whom were farmers. William Osborne was the fourth of seven children, the names of the others in the order of their birth being David, Basha, Lyman, Ethop, Sylvia and Melza. All the family were ardent patriots during the struggle for independence.

William Osborne's first employment was on the farm of Judge Hillier, while he was still a young man. After reaching maturity he married, and became a landowner himself. His wife was Betsey Wilcox, and they raised a large family of children, a brief mention of whom will be found of interest. William, now deceased, was a resident of Suffield, in which town his brother James yet lives; Riley, deceased, had his home in Westfield; Louise married Frank Gillette, of Westfield, and they lived for a time at Burlington, but later removed to Animosa, Iowa, where he opened a store, and where both have since died; Melza and Lewis were among the Argonauts of '49—the latter has passed away, but Melza is still a resident of California; Linas emigrated from Connecticut to Iowa (he was pre-

eminent as a peace maker, his amiable disposition and innate sense of justice well qualifying him for the delicate and difficult duties of such a position); Lydia became the wife of Mr. Alderman, of Suffield, and they removed to Marion, Iowa, where her husband engaged in business, and where their son, Ediom, a captain of an Iowa militia regiment, yet lives (Mr. and Mrs. Alderman, however, turned their faces toward the Pacific slope, and he is at present the owner of an orange grove at South Riverside, Cal.); David also found a home in Iowa, buying land in the town of Cass, in Jones county, where he has become an exceedingly prosperous farmer; Leverett migrated to California in 1862, and died there. Generally speaking, the family has been unusually successful, and it has no members who have not been upright men or women and useful, valuable citizens. The father, William Osborne, was himself a man of exceptionally good business ability. He took little interest in public affairs but was a man of sterling worth, although not a member of any church. His declining years were passed in Iowa, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gillette, where he passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife had preceded him in 1837.

H. A. Osborne was born June 9, 1833. His early educational advantages were not of the best, being confined to such as were obtainable at the district school of that early date. His school days came to an end when he was thirteen years old, but he has sought to supplement his early deficiencies by a course of well-directed reading. His life has been one of hard work, but his toil has been crowned with the success which his industry and perseverance merited. Shortly after leaving school, he began life's battle by entering the employ of Alfred Spencer, at a yearly compensation of $150. At the age of fifteen he was working in the large Austin Cigar Factory for $200 per year. The following year he went to Broad Brook, where for twelve months he was a clerk in the general store of Kingley & Hamilton. His next situation was in a cassimere factory, and after quitting that employment he went to Plainville (1852), where he secured work as a spinner in a knitting mill. An opportunity presenting itself to obtain work as a brass molder, he offered his services to Peck & Smith, who placed him in charge of their brass department, a position which he satisfactorily filled for fourteen years, still retaining his home at Plainville. In 1868, he went to Iowa, but returned after twelve months and entered a cottonette factory. After thirteen years spent there, he was compelled to abandon work temporarily, on account of ill health. A few years later, however, in 1887, he purchased a brass foundry at New Britain, which he has conducted ever since. The venture has proved successful, and he has built up a profitable business.

Himself a self-made man, and deprived of educational advantages in his early youth, Mr. Osborne all the more keenly appreciates their value for others. For twelve years he has served on the school board; and he is regarded as one of the representative men of Plainville, having served as one of the selectmen of that town. On National issues he is a Democrat, but in local elections he is able to rise above partisanship. He was one of the charter members of Franklin Council, Order of United American Mechanics, and still retains his connection with that organization.

Mr. Osborne married Martha, daughter of Ira Howe, of Plainville, and by her has two children: Frank G., for twelve years engaged in the meat business at Plainville, and Lillian, at home.

GEORGE BOSTICK, a prominent farmer, dairyman and tobacco grower of Enfield, was born Sept. 14, 1873, in that town, a son of Randall and Anna (Joy) Bostick, natives of England and Ireland, respectively.

Randall Bostick, for many years a resident of Enfield, began his business career as a peddler of vegetables. In 1875 he settled on the farm now occupied by our subject, and accumulated a competency, dying there April 12, 1894. In 1858, at the age of eighteen, he married Anna Joy, daughter of John and Ellen (Howring) Joy, and they had a family of seven children: John, Thomas, Nellie (Mrs. Barton Prickett), Randall, Anna (Mrs. Colts), George and Benjamin.

George Bostick, our subject, was reared on the homestead farm from the age of two years. He was educated in the public schools, and has always followed his present business, having gained a substantial reputation as a thrifty farmer. On Jan. 1, 1896, he married Hattie, daughter of Ruthford and Maria (McLeish) Barber, of Enfield. Mr. Bostick is a member of the Episcopal Church, and of Enfield Grange. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

CHAUNCEY BENJAMIN ELLSWORTH, a veteran of the Civil war, is one of East Windsor's best citizens, belonging to the class whose influence can be relied upon in support of any measure which tends to the elevation and advancement of the community. He is a representative of an old and honored family, his ancestors having settled in "Old Windsor" soon after the organization of the town, and his character and career show that he possesses the sterling qualities of the pioneer stock.

Benjamin Ellsworth, our subject's great-great-grandfather, was born in 1690, and died in 1770. Job Ellsworth, his great-grandfather, was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He and his brother Benjamin removed from their early home in Town Street, Windsor, to what is now East Windsor, where they purchased a large tract of land, including our subject's present homestead. This land was divided between them, and, having built substantial homes, they passed their remaining years there in agricultural pursuits, Job Ellsworth dying in December, 1776, aged about fifty years. His descend-

ants are now among the leading residents of the town, Theodore E. Ellsworth and others being mentioned more fully elsewhere.

Benjamin Ellsworth, our subject's grandfather, who was born Feb. 8, 1763, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and died at his homestead in East Windsor. He was a tall man, and by occupation was a farmer, the old residence in which our subject was born having been built by him at the present homestead. In November, 1789, he married Ann Stiles, and they had the following children: Anson, born Sept. 23, 1791, died in East Windsor; Benjamin, born Dec. 24, 1793, died in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., leaving a family; Reuben, born Dec. 1, 1795, died in East Windsor; Chauncey was the father of our subject; Ann, born March 18, 1800, married John Thompson, of Ellington; Martha and Mary, twins, born Feb. 1, 1803, died at the old homestead unmarried, Mary on March 19, 1890, and Martha on Dec. 20, 1881; Israel, born Jan. 21, 1805, died in East Windsor; and Aurelia, born Oct. 7, 1807, was the wife of James D. Skinner, of South Windsor.

Hon. Chauncey Ellsworth, our subject's father, was born Oct. 31, 1797, in the house built by Benjamin Ellsworth at the present homestead. He was educated in the local schools, and when a young man taught for several years, boarding around after the custom of that day. Being naturally clever and bright, he was always interested in the best literature, becoming especially well informed on history and kindred topics. In religious work he was active as a member of the Congregational Church, being known as Deacon Ellsworth, and his observance of the Sabbath was according to the strictest rules of Puritanism. He always resided at the old homestead, which he bought from the other heirs on the death of his parents, and was regarded as one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of his town. In his time tobacco growing was introduced into this section as a special industry, and he was among the three "pioneers" in that line of effort in East Windsor. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he served two terms as representative, besides holding various town offices, including those of selectman and assessor. He was a robust, healthy man, weighing 175 pounds at times, and lived to a good old age, passing away June 12, 1869. In 1834 Mr. Ellsworth married Miss Elizabeth R. Allen, a native of Tolland county, Conn., and a daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Loomis) Allen. Her father, who died in East Windsor in his seventy-sixth year, spent his life in that town with the exception of a few years passed in Tolland county. Mrs. Ellsworth died Jan. 31, 1882, aged seventy-three years, and was buried beside her husband in Scantic cemetery. Of their five children, the eldest, Jane, born Feb. 25, 1835, married Rev. James W. Grush, a Congregational minister, now deceased; Edward S., born April 10, 1837, is a carpenter at Ormond, Fla.; Edmund P., twin of Edward, was a farmer by occupation, and died in East Windsor, Jan. 17, 1894, unmarried; Chauncey B., our subject, is mentioned below; and Sarah E., born May 6, 1847, is now Mrs. George B. Slater, of Manchester, Connecticut.

Chauncey B. Ellsworth was born May 21, 1841, in the old family residence in East Windsor, and began his education in the schools of District No. 10. He has a good word for the old-fashioned methods of discipline, which he thinks produced better results than those of to-day, and among the early teachers whom he recalls most gratefully were Edwin Barber and a Mr. Morris. He also attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and the high school at East Windsor Hill, while his summers were spent in the wholesome activities of farm life. On leaving school he continued to assist in the work of the farm until September, 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, 25th Conn. V. I. After a few days in camp on Long Island the regiment was sent to New Orleans, making the voyage from New York City on the vessel "Empire City." Their first regular battle was at Irish Bend, La., and throughout his term of service Mr. Ellsworth was ready for duty, never being absent from the regiment from sickness or other causes. In August, 1863, he received an honorable discharge and returned home, where he resumed the work of farming with his father, and since the death of the latter he has had sole charge of the place. On Jan. 1, 1865, he married Miss Cordelia M. Sadd, and during that year he built his present residence, on the opposite side of the road from the old house in which he was born. He has never been an office seeker, but is a steadfast Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for the party while in the army. When the order of Good Templars was doing active work in the cause of temperance, he was one of its most devoted adherents, and for years he has been prominent in the Congregational Church at East Windsor, serving as a member of the society committee. His family is much esteemed socially, and consists of three children: (1) Arthur C., born Oct. 23, 1866, who resides at the homestead, married Miss Anna G. Crowley, of New Britain. (2) Kate L., born Oct. 30, 1868, married Lemuel Stoughton, Jr., of East Windsor. (3) Miss Edith C., born March 13, 1871, is at home.

Mrs. Ellsworth is a lady of unusual mental ability and culture, and previous to her marriage taught school successfully in South Windsor and East Windsor. Her education was secured in the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, and the Normal School at New Britain, her active intellect enabling her to make good use of her opportunities. She belongs to a well-known family, and was born in South Windsor, Dec. 17, 1843, daughter of William and Maronet (Allen) Sadd. This worthy couple had seven children, of whom five lived to adult age: Caroline E., who married John A. Martin, and died Dec. 28, 1891, in East Hartford, leaving four daughters; Henry W., of Wap-

ping, Conn.; Franklin A., who served in the Civil war in Company G, 25th Conn. V. I., and died Feb. 6, 1883; Catherine D., who married John B. Noble, of East Windsor; and Cordelia M., Mrs. Ellsworth. The parents both died at Wapping, the mother in 1873, and the father in 1881.

PATRICK MURPHY, a well known resident of Windsor Locks, is a man whose sound, conservative judgment is held in high esteem among his fellow citizens, who have frequently chosen him to local offices of trust and responsibility. For more than forty years he has been connected with the Seymour Paper Co., at Windsor Locks, and, with characteristic prudence and foresight, he has accumulated a comfortable competence, enabling him to retire while he is yet young enough to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Murphy was born July 15, 1832, in County Kilkenny, Ireland, where his ancestors resided for generations past. Michael Murphy, his grandfather, was a farmer in County Kilkenny, and Martin Murphy, the father of our subject, passed his entire life at the same farm. Of the four children of Martin Murphy and his wife, Mary Mackey, Patrick was the only one who came to America.

During his boyhood Mr. Murphy assisted in the work of the homestead, his education being obtained in a private school in the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-one he started for the New World, hoping for a better chance in life than his native country promised, and after a tedious voyage of seven weeks and three days in the sailing-vessel, "The Gazetteer," he landed in New York City. He came immediately to Hartford and for four months was employed on a farm in that vicinity, but he then located at Windsor Locks, taking a position in the Seymour Paper Mill. As he had no knowledge of the business, he began "at the foot of the ladder," but his ability and fidelity to his employers' interests were soon recognized, and he was promoted from time to time, his connection with the company being severed only on their suspension in August, 1898.

Mr. Murphy was married in Windsor Locks to Miss Johanna McGrath, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, and they have four children: Julia, wife of Mr. O'Neil, of Holyoke, Mass.; James, who resides at Holyoke; Agnes, who is at home, and Mary, a successful teacher in Holyoke. Mr. Murphy and his estimable wife are leading members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Windsor Locks, and politically he is a stanch Democrat, having been duly naturalized as a citizen since coming to Windsor Locks. At different times he has served as assessor, and for three terms, 1887, '88 and '89, he was selectman of his town.

A. W. PLUMB, now a prosperous business man conducting a meat market at the corner of Park and Broad streets, Windsor, started in life with nothing but his own indomitable energy, and his accumulation of this world's goods is attributable to his industrious habits, good judgment and a determination to succeed.

Mr. Plumb was born in Otis, Mass., in May, 1850, a son of William and Sarah J. (Cotton) Plumb. His paternal great-grandfather came to this country from England. Both grandfathers were sea captains, and sailed from Middletown, Conn. The father of our subject was a child of eight years when his father died, and being the seventh in order of birth in a large family of children, who were left in limited circumstances, he was early thrown upon his own resources. In Bloomfield, Conn., he learned the carriage-maker's trade, which he followed throughout his active business life, or until failing health compelled his retirement, and was in business for himself most of the time. He was a short man, rather heavy-set. In politics he was a stanch Republican, in religious faith a Methodist, and a regular attendant at church, and took a very active part in its work. He died at East Hartford at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife passed away five months later, at the age of sixty-two, the remains of both being interred at Winsted. She was born at Cold Spring, Mass., and was a daughter of Lester Cotton. The great-grandfather of William Plumb on the maternal side was Benjamin Allyn, a hero of the French and Indian war, who later raised a company for the Revolutionary war. His powder-horn, now in the possession of Edwin Plumb, brother of our subject, bears the date 1736, and is appropriately carved, having the plans of the forts from Albany to Lake George at that time, all of which are quite comprehensive. Our subject is the youngest in a family of three children, the others being Edwin L., a resident of Windsor; and Frederick N., a cigar maker of Winsted.

During his boyhood and youth A. W. Plumb accompanied his parents on their various removals, and attended school in Colebrook River, Pleasant Valley and Harwinton, Conn., completing his education in Bloomfield Academy. At the age of fifteen he commenced learning the carpenter's trade at Bloomfield, but the last year of his apprenticeship was served at New Britain, with Everett Dudley. After following same for some years he learned the cigar maker's trade with his brother Edwin, and at one time conducted a small shop in Windsor, where he made cigars. Later he worked for Parsons & Terry, in the butcher business, for eight years, and when they sold out the customers of the shop expressed the wish that Mr. Plumb would engage in the business on his own account. Always courteous and honest, he had made many friends, and when he started in business in a modest way they gave him their encouragement and patronage. His means were limited, but he was well known and had the confidence of many of the best citizens of Windsor, and it was not long before he built up a good and profitable trade, which he still enjoys. He is to-day one of the most popular meat dealers of the place.

Mr. Plumb married Miss May Ella Howard, a native of Rhode Island, by whom he has two daughters, Edith and Jessie. He is a stanch Republican, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting. At one time he affiliated with the Order of United American Mechanics, but he has found little time to devote to anything outside of his business interests. His wife is a member of the Episcopal Church, which he attends, and to which he gives his support. In business and social circles he stands deservedly high, and has a host of friends in and around Windsor.

GEORGE WILBERFORCE RYAN, engineer of Gordon Brothers' mills, and a well-known and prominent citizen of Hazardville, was born Feb. 25, 1862, in London, England, a son of James and Emma (Packman) Ryan, the former a native of Islington, London, and the latter of Boughton, England. Charles Ryan was the paternal grandfather of our subject. The maternal grandfather, Admond Packman, was a soldier in the English army during the Spanish war, was wounded, and received a pension from the British government.

James Ryan, the father of our subject, emigrated with his family to America in 1872, landing on Oct. 23 of that year, and locating in Hazardville, town of Enfield, Conn., where he secured employment as a powder-maker for the Hazard Powder Co. He remained continuously in their service for twenty years, removing in 1892 to Springfield, Mass., where he has since resided, and where he is engaged in the shoe business. His children were: Kate, Mrs. James D. Logan; George W.; Annie M., Mrs. Elmer Osborn; Amy S., Mrs. William Alcorn; Elsie L., Mrs. Henry Hawkins; Lillian, Mrs. Lewis Dewey; Charles J.; and Flora E., Mrs. Merritt Rogers, who died Aug. 10, 1899.

George W. Ryan was reared in Hazardville from the age of ten years, and received a good public-school education. At the age of sixteen he went to work on a farm in the town of East Windsor, owned by John Bissell, where he was employed four years, going thence to New London, where he secured a position as shipping clerk for the "Pequot Preserving Co.," continuing thus during the summer. While there he shipped as second steward on board the yacht "Dauntless," owned by C. H. Colt, of Hartford, and went on a memorable voyage across the Atlantic ocean and along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Leaving New York Dec. 13, 1883, they made their first stop at the Island of Fayal, one of the Azores, on Christmas morning. It was rather different from the New England Christmas, warm sunshine instead of snow, and an abundance of ripe fruit, oranges, bananas, etc. It was there occurred the most exciting adventure of the trip. During a severe gale, which lasted for twenty-four hours, the "Dauntless" was driven from her mooring onto a reef of rocks, where she was very badly stove in, and this delayed them some time, while divers went down to make such repairs as were necessary for her to proceed to St. Michael's, a distance of 240 miles, to go into dry dock for substantial repairs. After leaving St. Michael's they went to Gibraltar, thence to Tangiers, on the coast of Africa, to Malaga, and back to Gibraltar, after which they coasted along the African shore, stopping at Oran and Algiers. They also visited the Island of Sardinia, and thence cruised to France—stopping at Marseilles, Toulon, Cannes, Nice, Ville Franche, Monaco, Mentone—and along the Italian coast—stopping at Genoa and Leghorn—returning to Nice, to the regattas which took place between the English and American yachts. After the regatta they returned to Marseilles, where on account of illness Mr. Ryan received his discharge, March 30, 1884. He came home on a tourist ticket, stopping at Lyons, Paris, Havre, Southampton, London, and Liverpool, and thence took passage for New York, arriving in Hazardville May 29. While in England he visited relatives, and the places and friends of his early boyhood. After these months of roving Hazardville proved too quiet, so in July, of the same year, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked as waiter in the "St. Nicholas Hotel" until early winter, when he returned home and went to work for Gordon Brothers as foreman. He remained continuously in that position until 1890, since when he has been engineer for the firm.

On March 6, 1886, Mr. Ryan was married to Grace J., daughter of James and Mary (Marrow) Beech, of Hazardville, Conn., formerly of England. This marriage has been blessed with three children: Maude, Bessie and George W., Jr. Mr. Ryan is now assistant engineer of the Hazardville Fire Department. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE ALBERT ELLIS, first selectman of the town of East Windsor, is an enterprising and successful agriculturist, and his homestead near Warehouse Point gives evidence of his skill as a manager. For many years he was engaged in business in Boston as a dealer in tobacco and cigars, and he is now interested in the culture of tobacco in connection with general farming.

Mr. Ellis was born Aug. 8, 1847, in the town of East Windsor, and is descended from good New England stock, his ancestors having settled in Massachusetts many years ago. James M. Ellis, his father, was a native of Long Meadow, Mass., born April 3, 1817, and came to this county about 1830. For a number of years he was express agent on the stage line from Hartford to Warehouse Point, but his last years were spent in farming in East Windsor, his death occurring there Sept. 5, 1853. He married Miss Elizabeth Bancroft, who was born April 18, 1816, daughter of John Bancroft, of East Windsor, and who survived him many years, passing away Aug. 7, 1898. This worthy couple had nine children, as follows: James M., deceased; Maria, wife of O. L. Gillett, of Boston; Marcia A., widow of T. W. Pascoe; Frances M., deceased; Rocelia C., wife of William Atkinson, of Boston;

George A., our subject; Effie, widow of Charles R. Pascoe; and Isabella S. and Flora, both deceased.

At the time of our subject's birth his parents resided upon a farm adjoining his present homestead, and his early years were spent in that locality. When twelve years old he went to Boston and served an apprenticeship to the cigar maker's trade, and he soon afterward engaged in a retail cigar and tobacco business in Boston. Later he became interested in the wholesale tobacco business, continuing until 1884, when he returned to the town of East Windsor and purchased the farm where he now resides. It is located one and a half miles south of Warehouse Point, on "Town Street," a road leading to Hartford. The place contains forty acres of good land, and in addition to general farming Mr. Ellis raises tobacco and runs a steam cider-mill, which he built during the first year of his residence there. He is prominent in local affairs, being an active worker in the Democratic organization, and for fifteen years he has served on the board of selectmen, having been elected each year since 1885. His family is much esteemed socially, and his wife is a devout member of the Catholic Church.

On Dec. 19, 1869, Mr. Ellis married Miss Charlotte M. Sweetser, a native of Wakefield, Mass., and twelve children have blessed the union: Effie A., wife of Harry W. Williams, now resides on Prince Edward Island; George died in infancy; James M., George H. and Charlotte E. are at home; Albert R. died in infancy; Benjamin is deceased; Grace I. and Gertrude H. are at home; Stephen is deceased ; and Herman S. and Irene M. are at home.

MICHAEL GEARY, a veteran of the Civil war, is a highly-esteemed resident of the town of East Windsor, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He is industrious and thrifty, and as a good citizen he has always taken an active part in local affairs, serving at one time as a member of the board of selectmen.

Mr. Geary was born July 16, 1836, at Wickford, R. I., son of Patrick and Bridget Geary. When he was a small boy his parents removed to Massachusetts, and in 1847 they located in East Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., where he grew to manhood. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he settled upon his present farm, and engaged in general agriculture and the raising of tobacco. His place comprises about fifty-five acres of good land, and under his able management it has become one of the best of its size in the town. In 1862 Mr. Geary left his home to enlist in the Union army, becoming a private in Company A, 22nd Conn. V. I., which was mustered into service at Hartford. The regiment was sent South by way of Washington, and spent the following winter at Miner's Hill, Va., while later they were sent to Williamsburg and West Point, Va., Mr. Geary spending nearly eleven months in active service. Politically he is a strong Democrat, and was elected on that ticket as selectman of East Windsor, his colleagues being S. D. Rockwell and Henry Sloane. In religious faith he is a Catholic. For years he has been an active member of J. H. Converse Post, No. 67, G. A. R., at Windsor Locks.

In 1857 Mr. Geary married Miss Ellen Carroll, whose efficient help has done much to secure his prosperity. Of their ten children only three are now living: William A., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; John, who is at home; and Francis P., a policeman in Hartford.

THOMAS CORNELIUS AUSTIN, the well-known nurseryman and florist of Suffield, Hartford county, and one of the oldest and most respected citizens of that town, was born there May 23, 1818, a descendant of one of Connecticut's oldest Colonial families, his genealogy being as follows:

Anthony Austin, a native of Hampshire, England, came to America with his father, Richard Taylor Austin, his mother and his brother Richard, and settled first in Charlestown, Mass., where the father died in his fortieth year, leaving his widow with two children. Of these, Anthony received an excellent education, and after attaining man's estate married. In 1666 he removed with his bride to Raleigh (where in 1669 he was recorded as a freeman), and in 1674 came to Suffield, Conn., where he became a lieutenant in the Colonial militia, in which he was later promoted to a captaincy. In 1696 he was appointed the first school master of the town, and filled the office eleven years. In 1677 he was appointed the first clerk of the town, and served in that capacity twenty-seven years. To the marriage of Anthony Austin were born three sons in Raleigh and one son and three daughters in Suffield, and there the death of his wife took place in 1698; he passed away in 1708, in the seventy-second year of his age. The descendants of Anthony Austin are scattered throughout the New England and Western States, and one, Stephen F. Austin, became famous as the founder of the State of Texas and of the city of Austin, its present capital. His death took place in 1836, one year after the Lone Star State had declared its independence from Mexico. Anthony, Jr., and Richard, sons of the Anthony first mentioned, held land grants in Suffield, and were designated as "proprietors."

Thomas Austin, grandfather of Thomas C. Austin, was born on the old homestead in Suffield, and was a son of Nathaniel Austin. He married Hannah Hale, and by her became the father of seven children: Nathaniel, a hero of the Revolutionary war; Moses; Aaron; Joel; Thomas, father of our subject; Phebe; and Lucy. Thomas Austin owned a large tract of land in the southeastern part of Suffield, also took part in the war for American independence, serving directly under George Washington. His daughter Lucy, who was a highly educated lady, lived to the great age of ninety-nine years.

Thomas Austin, father of Thomas C. Austin, our subject, was born on the Austin homestead in Suffield, and when a young man started his business life as a peddler of Yankee notions, traveling through the States of Connecticut and New York. He finally settled down to farming on his native homestead, and the dwelling he erected thereon, over a hundred years ago, is now occupied by the subject of this biography. He also engaged to some extent in store keeping, but agriculture was his chief occupation. To his marriage with Parmelia Loomis, a native of Westfield, Mass., eleven children were born, in the following order: Alfred; Mary, who became the wife of Cicero Smith; Edward, who died when a young man; Aaron, also deceased; Harriet, who was married to John Murphy, and with him removed in 1833 to Chicago, Ill., where he opened the first hotel in the city, and where their son, Hiram, was the first white child born; Parmelia, who was married to Thaddeus Nickols, both now deceased; Jane, widow of William Holmes, and a resident of Westfield, Mass.; Anson; Louise, who married S. M. Reed, both now deceased; Thomas Cornelius, our subject; and Abigail, widow of Henry Jones, a resident of Springfield, Mass. Thomas Austin and wife were both active members of the Baptist Church. Both expired on the home farm, highly respected by the entire community, and their remains were interred in the Suffield cemetery.

Thomas C. Austin received a sound education in the public schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and after his father's death filially cared for his mother until she was called from earth. He began the nursery business on a rather small scale, but now owns the largest establishment in that line in Hartford county, on which he has expended $5,000 in improvements, and, under the firm name of T. C. Austin & Sons, the products are shipped to all parts of New England. In 1845 Mr. Austin married Harriet Hathaway, a daughter of Rufus Hathaway, and adopted daughter of Sedwick Trumbull, and this union has been blessed with nine children, of whom, Clarissa is the wife of Henry Cowles, of Boston Neck. Isabella died young. Charles was born July 10, 1852, and is now superintendent of the floral department of the nursery; in 1884 he married Louise Schleicher, and has two children, Otto B. and Morris E.; in politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist. Edgar, Arthur H. and Thomas C., Jr., are associated with their father in farming the home place, and in the cultivation of tobacco. William is interested in the cultivation of the home farm. Cora Belle, widow of Fred Smith, has had three children, Raymond and Hazel, and one who died in childhood. Burton married a Mrs. Briggs. Mrs. Harriet Austin departed this life in 1898. She was a devoted wife and mother, was a sincere member of the Congregational Church, and for fifty-three years her husband's faithful helpmeet, whose loss will never cease to be deplored. Mr. Austin has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for over sixty years, and in politics was first a Democrat, but on the formation of the Republican party united with its ranks. He is a gentleman of strong convictions, and not at all backward in expressing them, and his course through life affords a bright example to the rising generation of what perseverance and well-directed effort can accomplish, as he is emphatically a self-made man, in the business sense of the expression, and one who has honorably won the high esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community in which he lives.

JOSEPH WARREN JOHNSON, a well-known and talented attorney of Enfield, and one of that town's most prominent public officials, is of the ninth generation from John Johnson, who founded the family in America. It is somewhat remarkable that this extended New England ancestry has ever been prominent in public affairs.

John Johnson migrated to New England from Boston, or vicinity, in the County of Lincoln, England, with Gov. Winthrop, bringing his wife and family; he settled in Roxbury, Mass., and in 1630 was chosen constable of that town. He was a man of distinction, and was held in high esteem in the Colony of Massachusetts; was a representative to the General Court in 1634-35-36-37-38-41-42-46-47-48-49; became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company at its first organization in Boston, and for many years was surveyor of arms and ammunition in the Colony; and was almost constantly employed in public affairs. He died Sept. 30, 1659.

Isaac Johnson, son of above, came to Roxbury with his parents, was made a freeman March 4, 1635, and was married to Elizabeth Porter, Jan. 20, 1637. He became captain of an artillery company in 1667, was representative in 1671, and was killed by the Indians at the head of his company in the great Narragansett fight, Dec. 19, 1675.

Nathaniel Johnson, youngest son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Porter) Johnson, was born May 1, 1647, and married Mary Smith April 29, 1667. He came with his family to Woodstock, Conn., with the first company of settlers in that town, in 1686. He was active in the affairs of the new settlement, and died in 1697. John, his eldest son, was born April 29, 1668; his wife was named Margaret. He served as deacon in the church in 1721, and for a long time afterward, and was prominent in matters of church and town. Isaac Johnson, his son, born Dec. 23, 1697, was frequently selectman, and served on important committees in town and church affairs. John Johnson, his son, married Elizabeth Falshaw, of Killingly, and settled there. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and did a term of garrison duty at Fort Griswold during the Revolution. He died Sept. 27, 1787. Aholiab Johnson, youngest son of John, born March 18, 1762, married Hannah Bacon, of Middletown, Sept. 22, 1785. She died at Stafford, Sept. 15, 1796, and April 19, 1798, he married Dolly Con-

verse, of Stafford. He died July 22, 1829. Aholiab Johnson, son of Aholiab and Dolly (Converse) Johnson, was born April 28, 1799, at Stafford, Conn. He removed to Somers in 1830, and to Enfield in 1840. He served as judge of probate sixteen years, town clerk ten years, representative to the legislature three years, and died March 3, 1893.

Joseph Warren Johnson, son of the last named, and the subject of this review, was born in Somers, Conn., Dec. 2, 1838, and was eighteen months old when he was brought by his parents to Enfield, Conn. There he received an academic education. He taught school five terms in various districts in his vicinity, began the study of law in the office of Welsh & Shipman, of Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar in March, 1864, since when he has been in the active practice of his profession, with office at Windsor Locks. He has been twice married, his first wife being Julia Eugenia, daughter of John and Frances (Griffing) Bowditch, of Shelter Island, N. Y., who bore him two children, Louise Bowditch and Warren Bowditch, the latter a graduate of Yale College, and now a student of Yale Law School. For his second wife our subject married Amelia E., daughter of Charles Lewis and Lucy Ann (Merriam) Perkins, of Litchfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the First Congregational Church of Enfield, and his wife of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Thompsonville. He is a member of the F. & A. M. In politics he is a stanch Republican, for thirty-eight years has served as justice of the peace in Enfield, and was a member of the Legislature in the years 1866, 1870, and 1882.

ELNATHAN ATWOOD, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Southington, was born in Barrington, County of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Jan. 14, 1830, a son of Joshua and Mehitable (Smith) Atwood, also natives of Nova Scotia, as were their parents. The paternal grandparents were Joshua and Catherine Atwood.

Our subject was reared in his native Province, and received a common-school education. In 1850 he came to Southington, Conn., where he served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade with the old Peck Smith Co., and with the exception of eighteen months, spent in Minnesota, he has since made his home in that town. During the Civil war he enlisted, in June, 1862, becoming corporal in Company E, 20th Conn. V. I., and participated in many engagements, being wounded in the battle of Atlanta, in 1864, and at Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865. He was honorably discharged from the service while in the New Haven Hospital, after nearly three years spent in the defense of his adopted country. Since the war he has been employed in the leading manufacturing establishments of Southington; also conducted a meat market for two years; and since 1886 has been connected with the Ætna Nut Co.

On Dec. 31, 1860, Mr. Atwood was united in marriage with Miss Esther Haviland, daughter of Barnes H. and Annie (Hones) Haviland, of Thompson, Sullivan Co., N. Y., and to them has been born a daughter, Ida O., now the wife of Alvin M. Craig, of New Haven, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon, and he also belongs to Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., and Trumbull Post, No. 16, G. A. R. Politically he is a stanch Republican.

LUTHER B. WILLIAMS was born June 7, 1844, in Rocky Hill, upon the farm where Samuel Dimock now resides. His father, Thomas Williams, was born Dec. 6, 1819, in Rocky Hill, and was a plain and simple farmer throughout his entire life, yet was held in sufficiently high esteem by his fellow townsmen to be chosen assessor, an office which he held for twenty years, although not continuously. He died on the sixty-second anniversary of his birth, Dec. 6, 1881. He married Mary J. Boardman, and they had a family of four children: Luther B.; Charles M., a graduate of Williston Seminary, who has his home at Meriden, where he holds the position of superintendent of one of the city institutions; Caroline, who resides in Bristol, Conn.; and Jennie, who died in early womanhood, at the age of eighteen. Mr. Williams was a Republican, although not an active politician, and for several years served as justice of the peace. He was connected with the Congregational Church of Rocky Hill, and was a deacon therein at the time of his death.

Luther B. Williams was a child of five years when his father removed to Rocky Hill. His first instruction was received in the district school of that place, and was supplemented by a course at a private school in New Britain. On completing his education he returned home, but his bent of mind could not be satisfied by the prosaic, humdrum life afforded by a farm. He left his father's roof to enter the employ of a silver-plating company, whose factory was located at East Haddam, and there he remained as apprentice and journeyman for fourteen months. Later, he resolved to acquire the trade of a machinist and tool maker, and in 1862, with this end in view, secured a position in a shop. About 1871 he had achieved such proficiency in his newly chosen business that he was able to secure a desirable position in Boston with the firm of H. & G. W. Ward, manufacturers of twine and netting. He remained in the employ of this concern for fourteen years, during the greater part of which period he was superintendent of the loom building department at their works in Boston, Mass., and Kennebec, Maine. He had never been able, however, to fairly divest himself of the love for the soil upon which he was born, nor had the tender memories of his old home vanished from his recollection, and in 1885 he returned to Rocky Hill, where he has ever since had his residence.

On June 27, 1872, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Ada M. Boardman, of Haddam, and to their union have come four children: Luther B., Alice B., Frank B., and Edward D.

Mr. Williams has been repeatedly elected by his fellow-citizens to positions of trust and responsibility, they well knowing the capability of his character. He represented his town in the Legislature in 1897 and 1898, and is at present a member of the town school committee. In politics he is a Republican, and is an honored member of various societies and fraternal organizations, belonging to Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, East Haddam, I. O. O. F., and to Rocky Hill Grange, No. 115. His life has been one of marked success, although not full of incident. He has hewn his own way to fortune, availing himself to the utmost of the native talents with which he was endowed at birth. He is an extensive land owner, having a home farm of seventy-two acres, besides 132 acres located elsewhere in the town. His business is that of a general and dairy farmer, and in it he has accumulated a handsome competency.

TIMOTHY C. COLLINS, of Farmington, has the distinction of having won the proud American title of a self-made man. His great determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to prosperity.

Mr. Collins was born in Bristol, Hartford Co., Conn., Dec. 20, 1855, and is a son of Cornelius Collins, a native of County Cork, Ireland, where he continued to make his home, engaged in farming, until at forty years of age he emigrated to this country. He worked in a shop at Bristol, Conn., until his death July 16, 1880. His first wife died leaving two children: Patrick, now a resident of Forestville, Conn.; and Mary, of Hartford. For his second wife he married Miss Katherine Sullivan, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, who died in Bristol in 1895. By the second union four children were born, namely: Timothy C., our subject; James, deceased; Daniel, a resident of Forestville; and Catherine, deceased.

Timothy C. Collins is indebted to the public schools of Bristol for his education, and at that place he began to earn his own livelihood, at the age of thirteen years, by working for Henry Muzzey. Coming to Farmington, in 1874, he was in the employ of Dr. Franklin Wheeler, for five years, and for the past twenty years has been engaged in the cattle business in Farmington, handling Jersey and other fancy stock. Two years ago he was severely injured in a runaway accident, which necessitated the amputation of the left leg, near the hip, but notwithstanding he is thus handicapped he is still one of the most active and energetic business men of the town. As a Democrat he takes quite a prominent part in local politics, and has held several town offices, including that of selectman of Farmington. Socially he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in New Britain, and of the Foresters and Knights of Pythias in Unionville.

Mr. Collins was married in Farmington to Miss Mary Gelligan, and to them have been born four children: Thomas Henry, Catherine Mary, Mary Elizabeth and Julia Frances.

WILLIAM H. OLMSTED, civil engineer at East Hartford, is a native of that town, born Jan. 11, 1844, on Prospect street, and can trace his ancestry back to Capt. Nicholas Olmsted, of Colonial days, and Gov. William Pitkin, of the same remote period. The Olmsted line of descent is as follows:

Capt. Nicholas Olmsted married Sarah Loomis in 1640. Joseph, son of the Captain, was born in 1654, married Elizabeth Butler, was a deacon of the First Society in Hartford, and was a committee-man on Meeting-houses and on Forts from 1699 to 1704. Joseph, son of Joseph, was also a deacon, and married Hannah March. Ashbel, son of Joseph (2), was born Feb. 1, 1725-26, and married Hannah Newberry Nov. 3, 1757. Ashbel, son of Ashbel, was born March 12, 1761, in East Hartford, was a farmer there, married Mary Forbes Nov. 16, 1786, and died at his home on Prospect street, the father of five children: Eli, Persius, Ashbel, George Newberry and Edwin. Ashbel, son of Ashbel (2), was born Dec. 17, 1798. William H., son of Ashbel (3), is the subject of this sketch.

Ashbel Olmsted (3) was primarily educated in the district school, and later attended the East Hartford Academy, under Salmon Phelps. A farmer and prominent citizen, he was elected selectman in 1832, and served five terms. In 1838 he was elected to the State Legislature, and did very effective work in the House in caring for the interests of his constituents. On March 9, 1825, he married Delia Belden, who bore him five children, all now deceased, and her death occurred Aug. 12, 1839. For his second helpmate Mr. Olmsted chose Miss Emeline Stanley, whom he married Nov. 12, 1840, and who was a daughter of James and Temperance (Pitkin) Stanley (the latter a descendant of Gov. William Pitkin), and a sister of the late lamented William Stanley. To this union were born five children: Caroline, born April 3, 1842, married D. P. Chapman, and is now living in Riverside, Cal., where her husband is engaged in growing oranges; William H. is the subject of this sketch; A. Edward, born Dec. 21, 1845, married Emma Leland Strickland, who was born in Portland, Conn., Aug. 5, 1848 (he is now employed as civil engineer by Ryan & McDonald, a large contracting firm, and is also consulting engineer for the Western Connecticut Railway Co.); Stanley Pitkin, born Nov. 16, 1847, was a farmer on the homestead on Prospect street, and there died unmarried, June 24, 1897; Anna Margaret, born July 8, 1851, is living on the East Hartford homestead. The father of the above family passed away June 11,

1859, in the house on Prospect Hill now occupied by the family of his son, Ashbel Edward Olmsted. His widow survived precisely nineteen years, dying June 11, 1878, and the remains of both repose in the family lot in East Hartford cemetery.

William H. Olmsted was born in the house now occupied by John North, on Prospect Hill, and was attending the Hartford Public High School at the time of his father's death. As he was the eldest son, he assumed the management of the farm for two years, and during this period studied civil engineering. He then abandoned farming and engaged in local work, becoming town surveyor, civil engineer for the Hartford, Manchester & Rockville Tramway Co., and also civil engineer for the Hartford Bridge Commission for two years.

Mr. Olmsted first married, June 15, 1871, Miss Ella S. Smith, daughter of Simeon and Laura (Wadsworth) Smith, and this union was graced with two children: C. Hadley, born Aug. 18, 1874, and now a civil engineer, is living with his father; Ella S., born Jan. 5, 1878, is living in East Hartford, having been adopted by her uncle, Ashbel Edward Olmsted, as she was but one day old when her mother was called from earth. The second marriage of Mr. Olmsted, on June 24, 1886, was to Miss Jennie M. Osburn, a daughter of Franklin and Henrietta (Warner) Osburn, and born in Sewickley, Penn., March 28, 1860; her father, a retired planter, now resides near Charleston, W. Va. This marriage has been blessed with six children: Mary Warner, born Nov. 18, 1888; Roger Wolcott, March 31, 1890; Franklin Osburn, Oct. 21, 1892; Margaret Stanley, Nov. 15, 1894; Emeline Stanley, Nov. 10, 1896; and William Pitkin, Oct. 4, 1898.

In politics Mr. Olmsted has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has persistently declined accepting office. He is not a member of any secret organization. Since childhood he has been a member of the Congregational Church, and is now a deacon, for fourteen years he has been the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has also served as chairman of the board of trustees in East Hartford. He is universally respected as a citizen, and his name is known far and wide as one of the most reliable civil engineers of New England.

ARTHUR P. MOORE, one of the best-known citizens of East Hartford, an ex-soldier and a prominent civil official, was born in South Glastonbury, Conn., Aug. 7, 1842, a son of Dr. John S. and Caroline A. (Cowles) Moore.

Dr. John S. Moore was born March 24, 1800, in Dummerston, Vt., and was the only son of Dr. Jonathan Moore, who was also an only son. Dr. Jonathan Moore was of good old Green Mountain stock, a most successful practitioner of medicine, and a very prominent citizen. He had a family of four children that reached adult years: John S., Rebecca (Mrs. Heywood), Esther (Mrs. Chase), and Sophia (Mrs. Seymour), all now deceased. The three daughters passed the greater part of their lives in the vicinity of Hadley, Massachusetts.

When but a little over twenty years of age Dr. John S. Moore went on a whaling voyage. After his return he began the study of medicine, and about 1838 he entered upon practice in Glastonbury, Conn., having come here before his marriage. Here he wedded Caroline A. Cowles, who was born July 20, 1802, in Farmington, and was a descendant of one of the oldest families of that town, and from them have descended the present well-known Moore family of Hartford county. The children of this union were all born in Glastonbury, and, omitting further mention of Arthur P. for the present, it may be said, of the others, that Henry S. when but a lad of fourteen years went South, where he became a prosperous business man. At the breaking out of the Civil war he and his brother, Charles J., were doing an extensive mercantile trade at Jackson, Miss. Henry S. was then appointed a commissioner to England for the Confederate Government, became a very prominent man, married a granddaughter of Zachary Taylor, and passed the latter years of his life in Milledgeville, Ga., where his death took place in 1893. Charles J. Moore has also made a success at the South as a merchant, was a captain in the Confederate army, likewise married a granddaughter of Zachary Taylor, and is now a resident of Dallas, Texas. John S. Moore is a resident of New York. James W. is a real-estate dealer in Cleveland, Ohio, is a deacon in Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of that city, and has been very prosperous in business.

Dr. John S. Moore practiced medicine for over thirty-five years, and acquired a distinction in his profession seldom achieved outside a large city. He was a man of splendid physique, as all the Moore family are, and weighed about 220 pounds. He took no further part in politics than to faithfully cast his vote, yet he always kept himself posted on the political issues of the day. His death took place at the home of our subject, Arthur P., his son, Oct. 7, 1874; his widow died Feb. 20, 1882, in the faith of the Congregational Church, and the remains of both were interred in the cemetery at East Hartford.

Arthur P. Moore acquired his education in the schools of his native town, yet the knowledge possessed by the man of to-day would lead any one to the conclusion that his early education was far in excess of that imparted in the limited course of a village school. But such is not the case. He is what may be termed a self-educated man, his natural intelligence being his monitor, and he now stands among the best-informed men of the county. An extraordinarily retentive memory, habits of keen observation, and innate powers of ratiocination, have made him what he is, and no one may be thanked for it but himself and his progenitors. When but a lad of twelve years he went to live with Judge Merrick, of Glastonbury, with whom he remained

until he reached his sixteenth year, doing chores for his board. While with him, however, he had access to the library, an opportunity of which he eagerly availed himself. In 1860 he became a resident of East Hartford. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, 25th Conn. V. I., and served until the battle at Trist Bank, shortly after which he was taken sick at Vermilion Ridge; he was sent to the Marine Hospital at New Orleans, where, after being sufficiently restored to health, he was placed in charge of a ward, which position he held until the close of his term of enlistment, Aug. 7, 1863, when he left New Orleans and returned to Connecticut.

Mr. Moore was first united in marriage with Miss Ellen M. Olmstead, a native of East Hartford, and a daughter of Percius Olmstead and his wife, whose maiden name was Jones. Percius Olmstead, a well-known citizen, had been twice married, and was the father of twelve children, six by each wife. Mrs. Ellen M. Moore passed away June 22, 1882, leaving four children: Rebecca, Eugene E., Ernst A. and Arthur J., all still living with their father. The second marriage of Mr. Moore was to Miss Adelaide H. Wells, of Ansonia, but a native of Huntington, and a daughter of Benjamin Wells, and to this union has been born one child, Benjamin W. Since 1869 Mr. Moore has occupied his present comfortable home on Main street, East Hartford.

In politics Mr. Moore has been a stanch Republican ever since he has been entitled to exercise his right of franchise, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He was for twenty-five years constable in East Hartford, and was elected tax-collector in 1891, and in 1892 became superintendent of the Hartford Water Works, still holding both positions. For four years he has served as deputy United States marshal, and in this office has made a record never before equalled in this section of the country. He has shown his utter fearlessness by the manner in which he has dealt with some desperate criminals, and the press accounts of his exploits would be a credit to any official. When he "goes for" a man, he always "fetches" him, however desperate the culprit may be. He is an adviser of and counselor with the managers of the local affairs of his party, and his advice is never unheeded.

Mr. Moore as a member of secret and other fraternal societies stands prominent. He has held membership in as many as eighteen orders, at least, but some of these may have proved to have been but ephemeral. However, a few of the permanent brotherhoods, "rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun," so to speak, may be mentioned. He is a Chapter Mason, and a member of Wolcott Council, at Hartford; Washington Lodge, Knights of Pythias, same city; was one of the first members of Steadman Post, G. A. R., of Hartford, and is now very prominent in Rodman Post, same order, in East Hartford; was a charter member of Charter Oak Lodge, O. U. A. M., Hartford; and as a member of Putnam Phalanx, Hartford, rose from private to captain, and was on the staff for years; he has always been conspicuous in its parades, and he seems to have a natural gift as a leader of men. Like all the Moore family, he is of large and powerful build, and of distingue appearance—facts which make his presence especially desirable on gala days.

"Arthur" Moore, as he is familiarly called, is emphatically a self-made man, as from the age of eleven years he has "fought his own fight." He did his duty to his country in her hour of peril, and as a civilian has served his fellow citizens most acceptably in several responsible positions, some of which required the exercise of unusual discretion, determination and bravery. He has raised himself from obscurity to prominence, from poverty to affluence, and his only aids in attaining these desirable ends have been his assiduity, integrity and indomitable will power.

CHARLES E. OWEN. Among the leading and highly respected citizens of the town of East Granby is the subject of this biographical notice, who owns a fine farm, which is well improved and highly cultivated, and shows conclusively that the owner has not mistaken his calling in adopting agriculture as his life vocation.

Born in the town of Granby, April 22, 1864, Mr. Owen belongs to an honored pioneer family of that town, of English extraction. His grandfather, Almon Owen, was a native of Chester, Mass., where he followed farming for many years, then removing with the family to Connecticut and locating in the town of East Granby, where he purchased a tract of land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies until called from this life. In his political views he was a Whig. He was twice married, and had four children: Caroline, John, Holley and Erastus.

Erastus Owen, our subject's father, was born in Chester, Mass., and with his parents came to the town of Granby, where he grew to manhood upo the home farm. He obtained a good practical English education, and when he started out in life for himself engaged in the manufacture of lumber, also in farming in the town of Granby, to which occupation he devoted his life. He was fairly successful in business, and became quite widely and favorably known. He was a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but not a politician in the sense of office seeking, and was liberal in his religious views. In the town of Granby he married Miss Catherine Dibble, a native of that town, and a daughter of Reuben W. Dibble, of Granby. Five children were born of this union: Ella, deceased wife of Gordon Wilder; Emma, deceased wife of Eugene Griffin; Charles E. and Edward D. (twins), the latter residing with our subject; and Nellie, who was killed by lightning in the town of Granby. The mother, who was a most estimable lady and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in

1870, and was laid to rest in the Granby cemetery. The father subsequently married Miss Amanda Hines, of Granby, who now makes her home with our subject. The father departed this life in 1883, and his remains were also interred in Granby cemetery.

Charles E. Owen is indebted to the public schools of the town of Granby for his educational advantages. In early boyhood he commenced working in his father's sawmill, where he was employed until eighteen years of age, and afterward worked as a farm hand for others for $20 per month, continuing in that way until 1888. Having saved some money, he purchased his present farm on Copper Hill, town of Granby, known as the Dayton Phillips farm. It comprises 125 acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good buildings. His time is devoted to general farming, dairying and tobacco culture, and being industrious and energetic he is meeting with a well-merited success. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and for the past five years has most acceptably served as constable of the town of East Granby.

GUSTAF WALL. Sweden has furnished to America many of her best citizens, men of enterprise, industry and good business ability, who have been important factors in her progress. In Mr. Wall we find a worthy representative of this class. He was born in Sweden Dec. 9, 1857, a son of Gustaf and Eva (Anderson) Hulberg, also natives of that country, the former of whom came to the United States in 1868, and located in Chicago. The family heard from him for about a year, but since then all trace of him has been lost. He was a stone mason by trade, and was engaged in business on his own account. The mother died in Sweden.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native land for three or four years, and later graduated from the Infantry School in Karlskrona, where he was a student for six months. Subsequently he served seven years in the Swedish army, and for the same length of time he followed the stone mason's trade in his native land. On May 27, 1887, he sailed from Goteborg for New York, and on landing in this country came at once to New Britain, Conn., where he first worked at his trade as cupola man for Norton & Judd, for twelve years. He came to Berlin April 1, 1896, and purchased fifty-one acres of land from a Mr. Nash, since which time he has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising general produce.

On Jan. 13, 1880, Mr. Wall was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Elizabeth Kullber, who was born in Sweden Nov. 10, 1857, and to them have been born the following children: Axel Hugo, born in Sweden Nov. 30, 1880, is at home; Albie, born April 2, 1883, died June 15, 1886, and was buried in Sweden; Gustaf Adolph, born in November, 1885, died in August, 1886, and was also buried in Sweden; Oscar Hjalmar, born in New Britain, Conn., is deceased; and Esther Marie, born Aug. 16, 1888, and David, born Feb. 16, 1891, are both at home.

Mr. Wall took out his naturalization papers at New Britain in 1892. He is independent in political matters, voting for whom he believes to be the best man. He is a member of the Bestasta Society, a Swedish organization; also belongs to the New England Order of Protection; and to the Swedish Britannia Church, of New Britain, of which his wife is also a member.

CHARLES EDWARD CHAPMAN is one of the careful and industrious farmers of Newington, one of that class who constitute the basis of its prosperity. He has by his own efforts acquired his productive and well-kept acres, and gives to them that measure of care and attention which insures adequate financial returns.

Mr. Chapman was born in Glastonbury Dec. 16, 1836, son of John and Mary Ann (Covell) Chapman. His father was born in Lancashire, England, in 1803, and died March 31, 1869. The mother of our subject was born Feb. 22, 1815, daughter of James and Polly (Hills) Covell, who settled in Glastonbury and there died. John Chapman lived for two years at Pittsfield, Mass., and there he learned the baker's trade, which he carried on for many years at East Glastonbury.

Charles Edward Chapman remained in his native town until he attained the age of twenty-four years, working for some considerable time in the woolen mills located there. In 1861 he went to New London, and for five years was employed in the woolen mills, learning the trade of finisher, and was quite proficient in his line of work. He remained in New London until 1866, when he came to Newington and purchased a farm of twenty acres, to which he has since added thirty acres. In October, 1891, he commenced the erection of a very large barn on his farm, which was completed the following year. Since purchasing his property in Newington Mr. Chapman has remodeled his home and made many improvements on the premises. Besides working the farm he keeps from twelve to fifteen head of cows, selling the milk to the trade.

Mr. Chapman was married May 20, 1860, to Miss Mary Hale, daughter of William and Laura (Wright) Hale, of Portland, Conn. Their marriage has been blessed with the following children: Elmer Ellsworth, born March 14, 1864, assisting his father at the home farm; Lizzie Mariette, born May 14, 1865, who died Aug. 17, 1865; Henry Hart, born Sept. 5, 1867, a prosperous young farmer of Newington; and Marian Mabelle, born Feb. 24, 1870, now living at New London. The children of our subject were educated in the South District school of Newington, formerly known as the "Bell" school, from the circumstance that it was the only school in the town that had a bell in its tower.

Mr. Chapman and his son Elmer Ellsworth are both members of Our Brothers Council, No. 41,

Senior Order United American Mechanics, of Newington; they are also members of the Newington Grange. In politics both are Democrats. Mr. Chapman has been a hard-working man, and his industry has brought its reward. He is distinctly a self-made man, having by his own labor accumulated the means to purchase the land he now owns. In appearance his farm is a model of careful husbandry, and an index of the clear-cut, straightforward character of its owner.

JAMES R. LACEY, the leading blacksmith of Southington, and one of its most enterprising and progressive citizens, was born in Bristol, this county, July 12, 1875, and is a son of John and Catherine (Fitzgerald) Lacey, natives of County Kerry, Ireland. In 1860 the father emigrated to America, and stopped for a time in Massachusetts, but for thirty-five years he has been a resident of Bristol, Conn., where he is numbered among the honored and highly respected citizens. Of his family eight reached years of maturity: Mary; Bridget, wife of Martin Mitchell; Catherine, deceased; John; Ellen, wife of William Tracey; James R.; Thomas; and Michael E.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed in his native place, and he acquired a good practical education in the high school of Bristol and Huntsinger's Business College, Hartford. For a time he was employed as bookkeeper in a plumbing establishment at Bristol, and subsequently served an apprenticeship of three years to the blacksmith's trade with W. Giddings & Son, of that place. In 1893 he opened a shop of his own, in Wallingford, where in partnership with his brother he engaged in business for a year and a half, at the end of that time coming to Southington; he is now doing a large and successful business as a general blacksmith, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

On Nov. 25, 1896, Mr. Lacey was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Callahan, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Callahan) Callahan, of Southington, and to this union have been born two children, Howard and Eileen. Religiously Mr. Lacey is a member of the Catholic Church, and he belongs to Isabelle Council, No. 15, Knights of Columbus. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Democratic party.

C. T. GEORGIA is a prominent merchant of Unionville, and an important factor in the business circles of that place. The possibilities that America offers her citizens he has utilized, and though he came to this country in limited circumstances, he has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

Mr. Georgia was born in Saxony, Germany, Oct. 11, 1830, a son of C. T. Georgia, a traveling salesman of that country. In the common schools of his native land he received his education, and he also learned the wood-turner's trade, serving a three-years' apprenticeship. At the age of eighteen he crossed the broad Atlantic and landed in New York City, where he followed his trade for two years, turning canes. Later he spent a short time in Bristol, Conn., and in 1850 came to Unionville, where he worked in the cabinet shop of 'Squire Hitchcock for eight years. In 1858 he opened a saloon, which he conducted for six years, and at the end of that time turned his attention to general mercantile business on the west side of Farmington. During the year 1886 he erected his present brick block, containing two storerooms, and living rooms on the second floor, while the third is occupied by his furniture department. Mr. Georgia is now the oldest business man in Farmington, and it has been through his own well-directed and energetic efforts that he has succeeded in life. His store would do credit to a much larger place than Unionville, and he has built up a most excellent trade. Socially he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Unionville, and Putnam Phalanx, in Hartford.

In Hartford Mr. Georgia was married to Miss Emeline Gladding, a daughter of Hubbard and Maria (Belden) Gladding. Her father was a soldier of the war of 1812. Her mother celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth in December, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Georgia have three children: Charles C., Lily M. and Clara M. The son is now engaged in business with his father and is serving as postmaster of Unionville, which office our subject filled during President Cleveland's first administration. Charles C. has also been selectman of Farmington for two years, and was a member of the State Legislature in 1895.

SIMON McCAREL, a prosperous farmer of West Suffield, Hartford county, and a most respected citizen, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1849, the fifth in the family of six children born to James and Lydia (Arthur) McCarel. Both parents died in Ireland. Of the remaining five children, Margaret and Eliza are still in the Emerald Isle; Sarah is the wife of John Adams, of Suffield; Hugh lives in Thompsonville, Conn.; and James is a farmer of Suffield.

Simon McCarel lived with his parents until fifteen years of age, and then hired out at farm labor until 1869, when he sailed from Londonderry for America, landing in New York. Thence he went to Philadelphia, where he passed a short time with friends, and then came to Suffield, Conn., where he secured employment at farm labor with Thomas Remington, at $15 per month. He continued thus engaged for three years, and in 1872 bought a small farm of eighteen acres in West Suffield, on which he lived for twenty-five years. In 1883, he and his brother James bought the Asa Harman farm, of sixty acres, of which Simon McCarel still cultivates thirty acres. On this tract he has erected a dwelling, barns, tobacco sheds, etc., at a cost of $2,500, and in 1898 moved his family into the new home.

In 1873 Mr. McCarel married, in Suffield, Miss Margaret Colter, a sister of James Colter, of West Suffield, and this marriage has been blessed with six children, of whom Mary Lydia is the wife of Robert J. Hamilton, of Suffield; Lizzie Helen died in May, 1897; William James died in October, 1898; Sarah and Walter are at home. The loss of the son and daughter was a sad affliction to Mr. and Mrs. McCarel. Both had reached years of maturity and great promise, and their deaths occurring so closely together added to the poignancy of the grief of the parents.

The family are members of the Congregational Church, and in politics Mr. McCarel is a Republican. He is a hard-working, thrifty and strictly honest man, is temperate in his habits, and has made himself a useful citizen in all respects. His success in life is the reward of his personal efforts, and the high respect in which he and his family are held is due to their individual merits.

CHARLES ANDREWS, one of the most respected residents of East Hartford Meadow, and the senior member of the firm of Andrews & Creedon, steam-fitters, etc., at No. 446 Asylum street, Hartford, was born in Hartford June 8, 1858, a son of Hugh and Charlotte (McLarren) Andrews, natives of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. It will be remembered by many readers of current events of half a century ago that Walter McLarren, a naval commander in the service of the British Government, was awarded a gold medal in 1849, for his intrepidity in sailing around the world. This gentleman was a brother of Mrs. Hugh Andrews, mother of our subject.

Hugh Andrews, father of our subject, was a son of Charles Andrews, a well-to-do farmer in Ayrshire, who passed all his life there. Hugh Andrews came to the United States when less than twenty years of age, and located in Hartford, Conn. He made a tour through the West, and on his return entered the employ of S. S. Chamberlin, wholesale grocer, with whom he remained for thirty years. His wife reached this country while still a young lady, and the two were united in marriage in Hartford. She died in middle age—when about forty-five years old—and Hugh Andrews died in East Hartford Meadow in 1876, five years later, several years her senior; the remains of both were interred in the city where they had so long resided, leaving to mourn their deaths their only child, Charles, the subject of this sketch. The parents were devout members of the Presbyterian Church, and were among the very few Scottish residents of Hartford, where the memory of the father is still cherished as "Honest Hugh Andrews."

Charles Andrews was about eighteen years of age when he lost his father, since when he has made his way through the world unaided. He received his early education in the old "stone school" in Hartford, and later, when his father had removed to East Hartford Meadow and built a home at the corner of Ash and Pleasant streets, he attended the school of this village, taught by a Mr. Chaffee, and has good reason to remember the school house, as his feet were frozen while he was attending to his studies therein.

Young Andrews began his business life with J. A. Ranney, the florist of East Hartford, with whom he remained three years. In 1876 he went to Rochester, N. Y., and for one year was employed in a machine screw factory. On his return to Hartford he apprenticed himself to the steam-fitting trade under Embler & Bosworth, and is now carrying on the same business at the same location. His first important work as an apprentice was on the State Capitol, when his salary had been advanced to $5 per week; later he worked on the Orphan Asylum, then in the course of construction, subsequently entered the employ of Pitkin Bros., as a journeyman, and worked for them six years; he then became foreman for N. A. Bosworth (under whom he had learned his trade), and several years later started business for himself. In September, 1891, Mr. Andrews formed a partnership with John Creedon, in the steam-fitting business, and the firm of Andrews & Creedon is now recognized as the leading firm in its line in the city of Hartford.

On Oct. 29, 1883, Mr. Andrews married, at New London, Miss Olive Rebecca Douglas, a native of that city, born Aug. 17, 1857, and a daughter of Jonathan D. and Sarah (Smith) Douglas, the latter of whom is deceased; of the former, who still survives, mention will be made in detail at the close of this biographical notice. Mrs. Andrews, the youngest of the nine children born to her parents, six of whom reached adult age, was reared in New London, and is of the seventh generation of the Smith family that settled in Waterford, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have been born four children: Douglas H., April 14, 1887; Mae L., June 23, 1890; Charlotte S., May 17, 1892; and Edwin Giles, Dec. 26, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews started housekeeping, immediately after their marriage, at the corner of Ash and Pleasant streets, East Hartford Meadow, and there lived until 1893, when Mr. Andrews erected his present handsome dwelling on Ash street. It may be said, also, that Mr. Andrews owns the home erected by his father when he first came to the village. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are consistent members of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Andrews is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Orient Lodge, F. & A. M., of East Hartford. He is recognized everywhere as a straightforward, honest man, and as a thorough master of his trade, and he and his interesting family enjoy the unfeigned esteem of all who know them.

JONATHAN D. DOUGLAS, father of Mrs. Andrews, was born in Waterford, New London Co., Conn., April 2, 1818, and sixty-three years ago went to work at the forge. He was not reared a blacksmith, but was naturally of a mechanical turn of

mind. In 1830 he went to work in the Millstone quarries, and was at once placed in the shop, where he became an expert tool sharpener, remaining there two years. Some time afterward he went to Stonington and worked at the forge awhile, as preparations were then being made for building a number of steamers for the Stonington line. Up to 1843 sledges were made of iron, with a steel face welded on, and many attempts had been made to cast steel sledges, with as many failures. In that year Mr. Douglas undertook the task and made a success of it, making a cast steel sledge that stood the test, and this sledge is now used all over the world. However, he derived no benefit from his discovery or invention of the process, except a temporary renown, as it is reasonable to believe that ninety-nine of one hundred men who use this invaluable implement to-day do not know his name.

During the war Mr. Douglas made locks for army carbines, since when he has passed his life in New London, conducting a blacksmith shop, and works personally at the forge. He wears spectacles when reading or doing fine work, but not at other times. Now over eighty-one years of age, he has no aches or pains, and it would be quite a task for any middle-aged or even young man to follow him through the routine of his daily work.

CHARLES H. SMITH (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of New Britain, being prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of the place. His death was recognized as a loss to the community, and the following memoir will be read with more than usual interest.

Mr. Smith was born Jan. 6, 1849, at Tariffville, this county, of English ancestry. Charles Smith, his father, was a native of Worcestershire, England, born about 1811, and educated there. On coming to America he located first in Simsbury, this county, and then in Philadelphia, but he finally settled in New Britain, where his remaining years were spent. Before coming to this country he had been a designer for carpets and rugs, but after his arrival in New Britain he was connected with O. B. North, and later as a contractor with the Landers, Frary & Clark Co., in scale making. His last days were spent in retirement at his pleasant home, his death occurring in 1883. His wife, Harriet (Hyde), also a native of England, died in 1888. They had the following children: Anna Maria, wife of Frank Coleman; Charles H., our subject; Harriet, wife of George Terry, of No. 47 Winthrop street, New Britain, an employe of the Landers, Frary & Clark Co.; and Helen, who married Frank Andrews, a bookkeeper in Meriden.

Charles H. Smith obtained his education in the public schools of New Britain, and to this practical foundation he added much through his constant and intelligent reading of the newspapers. He learned the scale maker's trade with his father, and later engaged in the business on his own account, as a contractor in the scale department. He was with one company twenty-eight years, his work as a contractor covering twenty years, and in that time managed his affairs so judiciously as to acquire a fine competence. In early life he was a Democrat, but later became a Republican, his interest in public affairs being shown in many ways, and his characteristic energy enabling him to do much work outside of business lines. He did not believe in seeking office, but "the office sought him," and in 1882 and 1884 he was elected to the city council from the Fourth ward, was police commissioner two years, and also served five terms as first selectman, having been first elected in October, 1893, and continuing in that office until his death. He was a regular attendant at the Episcopal Church at New Britain, his ancestors having been adherents of the Church of England, and he belonged to the Society of Pilgrim Fathers; the New England Order of Protection; and the F. & A. M., Harmony Lodge, No. 20. Mr. Smith married Miss Carrie E. Welton, who with six children survived him: Charles E. is engaged in the insurance business in Hartford. Belle E. is the wife of Ralph J. Beach. Frank L. is a banker and broker of Springfield, Mass. Grace A., Carrie J., and Howard Welton are at home.

Mrs. Carrie E. (Welton) Smith was much esteemed among her associates for her fine mental and social gifts. Her father, the late Chauncey P. Welton, was a well-known business man of New Britain, and although he learned the blacksmith's trade in his early youth, he spent much of his time in mercantile business, and for many years was manager of the Sovereign Trading Co. He was born in Wolcott, Conn., and his wife, Jeanette (Cleveland), was a native of Harwinton, Conn. Both were accidentally killed on the railroad at Pratt's Station in 1882. Of their four children, the eldest, Dwight O., is employed in the shipping rooms of the P. & F. Corbin factory; Carrie E. (Mrs. Smith), now deceased, was second in the order of birth; Ella M., who married Horace Bunting, of New Britain, died in August, 1887; and Albert died in infancy.

NATHANIEL ROOT, late an honored and highly respected citizen of Newington, Hartford county, was born in the town of Coventry, Tolland Co., Conn., July 22, 1823.

Mr. Root was a worthy representative of an old and prominent family of this State, which was founded here by Thomas Root, who was born in England Jan. 16, 1605, and crossed the Atlantic in 1637, becoming one of the first settlers of Hartford. His son, Thomas Root (2), was born in Hartford in 1644, and Thomas Root (3), son of the latter, was born April 11, 1667, in Northampton, Mass., but in 1709 took up his residence in Coventry, Conn., where he served as the first town clerk and as deacon in the Congregational Church there. His son, Ebenezer Root, was born Nov.

5, 1693, and Ebenezer Roof (2), son of the latter, was born in the same place March 9, 1732. The next in direct descent, Nathaniel Root, grandfather of our subject, was born in Coventry March 25, 1757, and served with distinction as an officer in the Revolutionary war. When the news of the battle of Lexington reached him, in 1775, he immediately enlisted, as a private, but soon rose to the rank of captain in Gen. Washington's army. Among other engagements, he participated in the battles of Long Island, Trenton and Princeton. Nathaniel Root (2), father of our subject, was also born in Coventry, Feb. 1, 1785, and became a successful and prosperous farmer of Tolland county, where he owned and operated 200 acres of land. He married Almaria Page, only sister of Harlan Page. She was born Sept. 30, 1789, and died Feb. 12, 1881. The husband and father departed this life April 15, 1879, and the remains of both were interred in Coventry.

Nathaniel Root, our subject, was reared upon the home farm, and he received a good practical education, which enabled him to commence teaching school at the age of nineteen years—a profession which he successfully followed through the winter season for nine years. He remained on the old homestead until coming to Newington, and in 1861 started a sash and blind factory at Coventry, which he carried on with good success for about fifteen years. He also built barns, and did other mechanical work, being very handy with tools. On coming to Newington, Hartford county, in 1886, he purchased eight acres of land, but before his death had practically retired from farming, devoting his attention principally to caring for his stock.

In 1847 Mr. Root married Miss Julia Ann Douglass, of Coventry, who was born April 5, 1824, and died March 13, 1891; she was laid to rest in Newington. To them were born two children: (1) Frank Douglass, born Aug. 4, 1850, graduated from Yale in 1872, was for many years interested in journalistic work, being connected with a New Haven newspaper for seven years, and later with the *New York Times* for seventeen years as one of the editorial staff, and is at present on the staff of the *Independent*. He married Miss Catherine Butler, of New Haven, and is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y. (2) Elizabeth Almaria, born Dec. 21, 1857, resides in Newington, is librarian of the Public Library, and principal of the grammar school.

Mr. Root was a highly-educated and well-read man, and also a good musician. He commenced to play on the bass viol at the age of sixteen years, and for a quarter of a century played the organ in church. In 1848 he and his wife united with the Congregational Church at Coventry, which the daughter also joined in 1873. On coming to Newington they transferred their membership to the church here. Fraternally Mr. Root was a Master Mason, having been initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity at Rockville in 1865, and he was also a member and treasurer of the Grange. He always took an active and prominent part in public affairs, and was honored with a number of offices of trust and responsibility. His first public position was that of constable, which he filled at about the age of twenty-five years; he was a member of the school board fifteen or twenty years; was elected to the State Legislature by a handsome majority in 1857, 1864 and 1873; was made judge of probate in 1874; served as justice of the peace fifteen or twenty years; and was selectman several times. He proved a most able and popular official, and his duties were always discharged in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. Mr. Root died at Newington March 27, 1900.

SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS, universally known by his pen-name of "Mark Twain," as one of the raciest and most original of American humorists, was born Nov. 30, 1835, at Florida, Monroe Co., Missouri.

Mr. Clemens in boyhood attended the village school at Hannibal, Mo. At the age of thirteen he began to serve an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, and later worked at the trade in various cities in the East and West. Beginning with 1851, he figured for a time as a pilot of steamboats on the Mississippi river. In 1861 he became private secretary of his brother, who had been made secretary of the Territory of Nevada, and later he mined in that Territory. He became city editor of the Virginia City *Enterprise* in 1862, and in reporting legislative proceedings from Carson he signed his letters "Mark Twain." For a period in 1865 he was a reporter on the *Morning Call*, at San Francisco. Next he mined for a time, then again resumed newspaper work at San Francisco. In the following year (1866) he was for a time in the Hawaiian Islands, and on returning delivered humorous lectures in Nevada and California. Returning to the East, he published in New York, in 1867, among other sketches, "The Jumping Frog." In that year he visited the Mediterranean, Egypt and Palestine, and on his return published "The Innocents Abroad."

From this period dates the acquaintance of Mr. Clemens with Hartford, to which city, in 1871, he came to live, and here the homes of three of the most noted of Hartford's literary people of recent years—Charles Dudley Warner and Harriet Beecher Stowe, the others—are within speaking distance of one another. Mr. Clemens' first visit to Hartford was with the view of having "The Innocents Abroad" published here. On this occasion he wrote of the city: "I have been about ten days in Hartford, and shall return there before very long. I think it must be the handsomest city in the Union in summer. It is the moneyed center of the State, and one of its capitals also, for Connecticut is so law-abiding, and so addicted to law, that there is not room enough in one city to manufacture all the articles they need. Hartford is the

place where the insurance companies all live. They use some of the houses for dwellings. The others are for insurance offices. So it is easy to see that there is quite a spirit of speculative enterprise there. Many of the inhabitants have retired from business, but the others labor along in the old customary way, as presidents of insurance companies."

Mr. Clemens' later books have been "Roughing It," 1872; "Mark Twain's Sketches," 1875; "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," 1870; "A Tramp Abroad," 1880; "The Prince and the Pauper;" "Life on the Mississippi;" "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn;" "Punch Brothers, Punch," etc.

At a dinner party in Hartford on one occasion the subject of eternal life and future punishment came up for a lengthy discussion, in which Mr. Clemens took no part. A lady near him turned suddenly and inquired, "Why do you not say anything? I want your opinion." Mr. Clemens replied gravely, "Madam, you must excuse me; I am silent of necessity. I have friends in both places."

DE WITT CLINTON SKILTON, president of the Phœnix Fire Insurance Co., Hartford, is a descendant in the fifth generation from Dr. Henry Skilton, the first American ancestor of the family, the line of his descent being through Avery, James, and John Chester.

(I) Dr. Henry Skilton, born Nov. 19, 1718, in the parish of St. Michael, Coventry, England, son of John and Mary (Bennet) Skilton, removed with his parents to Romsey, Hampshire, when eight years of age. On the death of his mother his father entered the service of the British navy. In 1734 Henry Skilton left home, and in April, 1735, sailed on a gunboat for America, landing in Boston the same year. For a time he was at Roxbury, Mass., and is next heard of in Preston, Conn. On July 9, 1741, he was married to Tabitha, eldest child of Joseph and Tabitha (Gardner) Avery, of Norwich, Conn. Henry Skilton moved to Southington about 1749, became a physician, the second in the town. About 1760 he went to Woodbury, continued in the practice of medicine, and in old age moved to Watertown, Conn., where he died June 7, 1802, aged eighty-three, and his wife died in the same town Oct. 25, 1797. Dr. Skilton in addition to the practice of medicine was engaged in several lines of business, and carried on farming operations on a large scale. He was a man of more than ordinary ability. He is said to have organized in what is now Prospect the Separate or Strict Congregational Church. While at Southington he took an active part in the religious controversies of the time.

(II) Avery Skilton, son of Dr. Henry, the emigrant, born April 30, 1748, married March 26, 1771, Parthena Judd, who was born Aug. 6, 1754, and died in Watertown March 30, 1839. He died about Aug. 27, 1832.

(III) James Skilton, son of Avery, born April 10, 1777, married June 30, 1799, Chloe Steel. He died April 9, 1848.

(IV) John Chester Skilton, son of James, born April 30, 1809, in Watertown, married in Northfield Anna Heaton, and their three children were born between 1835 and 1843. Mr. Skilton was for twenty-five years identified with the Seth Thomas Clock Works of Thomaston.

De Witt Clinton Skilton, son of John Chester, was born Jan. 11, 1839, in what was then known as Plymouth Hollow, now Thomaston, Conn. He is descended from an historic ancestry in Connecticut, including many names of note, through his mother, Anna Heaton; through his grandmother, Chloe Steel, by whom he is descended from Hon. John Steel (a companion and friend of Rev. Thomas Hooker, who came with him to Hartford in 1636) and Gov. Thomas Welles; and through his great-grandmother, Parthena Judd, by whom he is descended from Hon. John Wadsworth, a half-brother of Capt. Wadsworth, who removed the Connecticut Charter and concealed it in the old "Charter Oak;" from the two Judds of Waterbury, Capt. William and Timothy, who were representatives in the Colonial government from that town almost continuously for forty years; and from William Southmayed, Hon. Matthew Allyn, John Allyn, and William Pynchon.

Young Skilton came to Hartford from his birthplace in 1855, and began his business career in the dry-goods trade with C. S. Weatherby. In October, 1861, he entered the employ of the Hartford Fire Iusurance Co., as a clerk in the office. In the summer of 1862 he manifested his patriotism by enlisting, Aug. 19, becoming a private in Company B, 22d Conn. V. I., and was mustered into the service Sept. 20, following, as second lieutenant of the company. The regiment formed part of the Army of the Potomac, under command of Major-Gen. Heintzelman; the brigade commanders being Gen. Robert Cowdin and Col. Burr Porter, of the 40th Massachusetts, respectively. On Feb. 16, 1863, Mr. Skilton was promoted to first lieutenant, serving with distinction and honor until mustered out, July 7, 1863. On his return to Hartford from his military experience he resumed his former position with the insurance company. In November, 1867, he was chosen secretary of the Phœnix Fire Insurance Co., taking the position Dec. 1, and retained that incumbency until Aug. 1, 1888, when he was elected vice-president and acting president of the company. On Feb. 2, 1891, he succeeded Henry Kellogg to the presidency. When Mr. Skilton entered the service of the Phœnix as secretary, Dec. 1, 1867, the capital was $600,000, the assets $1,234,195, and the surplus $113,683. On Jan. 1, 1894, the capital had more than trebled, the exact amount being $2,000,000; the assets had increased four and a half times, to $5,429,793, and the surplus more than six times, to $713,195. The

premium income for the year 1898 was $1,219,211, and for the year 1893 it was nearly three times as great, $3,306,240.

President Skilton's underwriting career has been contemporary with the years of the great growth in American underwriting, and he has been identified with all the work looking to reform in that business and broadening its methods. Mr. Skilton has always believed in the efficacy of organized effort, and hence has cheerfully given much time and thought to the upbuilding of the National Association. He entered it so early, and has maintained the connection so closely, that nearly every representative whom in those days he was wont to meet has passed away, and present members, though no younger than himself, regard him as a veteran. He was selected by the New York City Association of Underwriters to represent the Connecticut companies on the committee which prepared the standard policy for fire insurance. By many States this form has been adopted and made obligatory. The Phœnix Fire owes much of its success to his able management. Without doubt President Skilton ranks among the expert underwriters of the country. Mr. Skilton is a director in the Hartford National Bank, a corporator and trustee of the State Savings Bank, a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, a member of the G. A. R. (Robert O. Tyler Post), and of the Hartford Club. He was secretary of the National Board of Underwriters for three years; vice-president for seven years, and three years its president. For seven years he was committeeman of the West Middle school district. Politically he is a Republican. His religious connections are with the Asylum Avenue Congregational Church.

On Aug. 8, 1865, Mr. Skilton was married to Ann Jeannette, daughter of Lyman Andrews, of Hartford, and to them were born two children, the son and one daughter, both now deceased.

PATRICK GILLIGAN, a well-known and highly respected farmer of the town of Windsor, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be done by industry and economy, especially when a sensible wife seconds the efforts to secure a home and competence. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1828, the son of Michael and Bridget (Carney) Gilligan, and grandson of Michael Gilligan, Sr. The father was quite an extensive farmer, and he and his wife spent their entire lives on the Emerald Isle. Their children were Michael, a farmer, who died in Windsor, Conn., in 1855; Catherine, who married Patrick Kennan, and died in Windsor Locks, Conn.; Mary, who wedded Thomas Egan, of Windsor Locks; Nora, who married John Surey, and died in Windsor Locks; and Patrick.

As he was not compelled to attend school Patrick Gilligan's early education was limited, and he was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his native land. On April 11, 1850, he sailed from Galway on the "Clarence," and arrived in New York City after a long and tedious voyage of six weeks. He had obtained his passage money from a brother, who had come to the United States in 1847, and was then living in Bloomfield, Conn., and on reaching the shores of this country our subject was without a dollar, and was obliged to borrow money to bring him to Windsor. For two weeks he was unsuccessful in his search for work, and was becoming badly discouraged when he at length found employment as a farm hand in East Granby, Hartford county, at $10 per month. He was thus employed for five months, during which time he drew only $7.50 of his wages, and saved the remainder.

In the fall of 1853 Mr. Gilligan married Miss Margaret Eagan, an acquaintance of his in Ireland, who had come to the New World on the same vessel as her future husband. They began housekeeping in East Windsor, and Mr. Gilligan worked for H. W. Allen for two years, after which they went to Windsor Locks, where he was employed as a laborer for a year. He next worked as a farm hand in the town of East Granby, and then operated Oliver Clark's farm in that town on shares for four years. In 1861 he had purchased his present farm, which he rented for one season, and did not locate thereon until the fall of that year, since which time he has made it his home. He now has eighty acres, under a high state of cultivation, and has erected all the buildings found thereon with the exception of a portion of the barn.

Mrs. Gilligan was a true helpmeet, and our subject's success in life is due in no small degree to her assistance. They started out in life in limited circumstances, but by industry, honesty and good management succeeded in gaining a comfortable home and competence. She died in 1881, leaving five children: Michael, a farmer of Windsor town; John, a motorman of Windsor Center; William and Margaret, both at home; and Celia, wife of John Garven, of Windsor Center. Mr. Gilligan is an ardent Democrat in politics, and was the first native of Ireland to represent Windsor in the State Legislature. Religiously he is a Catholic.

GEORGE ARCHER, one of Suffield's most respected citizens and farmers, is a native of Hartford county, born at Suffield Center July 10, 1823, and descends from an old Colonial family, of English origin.

Thomas Archer, great-grandfather of subject, was a young man when he came from England to America and settled in Suffield, where he engaged in farming, and also in dealing in indigo. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and died a highly-respected resident of Suffield. His son Thomas, grandfather of subject, was born in Suffield, was a farmer and merchant, and for several years a hotelkeeper; he was also largely interested in the trade with Africa, and was a shipper

or slaves to the Southern colonies. During the Revolutionary war he took an active part in that conflict. The house in which he lived and died is still standing in Suffield Center, and is probably the eldest in the town. He was a Whig in politics at the time of his death, and a member of the Congregational Church. To his marriage with Roxanna Hancock, of Suffield, were born seven children, of whom the eldest was named Zeno; Horace was a sea captain, and died on the coast of Africa; the names of four others are remembered: Thomas, Thaddeus, Eliza and Cynthia.

Thomas Archer, the third in the above family, and the father of our subject, was also born in Suffield Center, and received the usual district-school education. He owned extensive tracts of land, and for several years conducted the hotel at Suffield. On a part of the old homestead the new cemetery has been laid out, and the bank building stands on another part, within the village limits. To his marriage with Lucy Remington ten children were born: George, who died in infancy; George (2), subject of this sketch; Luther, who died in middle age; Horace, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Cordelia, unmarried; Mary, who was married to Col. George S. Burnham, of Hartford, and is now, with her husband, deceased; Louise, wife of Newton S. Pomeroy, of Suffield; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Edwin D. Morgan, a son of Gov. Edwin D. Morgan, of New York; Helen, who died unmarried; and Isabella, who died in infancy. The mother of this family was called from earth April 18, 1867, and the father April 21, 1881, both dying in the faith of the Congregational Church, and their remains were interred in the new cemetery of Suffield, and it may be added that a more respected couple never resided within the limits of the town.

George Archer, the subject proper of this sketch, was educated in the district schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute, and has made the noble calling of agriculture his life pursuit. He remained on the old homestead at Suffield Center until 1877, engaged in tobacco culture and general farming, and then removed to West Hartford, where he was engaged in the same class of farming for six years. In 1883 he returned to Suffield and settled on his present farm, known as the Col. Kendall farm, where he has met with abundant success in stock raising, dairying and farming generally.

Mr. Archer was united in marriage, in 1849, in Suffield, with Miss Samantha Rogers, a native of the town, a daughter of Richard Douglass and Samantha (Clapp) Rogers, old settlers of Suffield. The only child of this marriage was William Douglass, born in August, 1856, in Suffield. He was educated in the district schools of his native town and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, and became a druggist. He married Miss Jennie L. Starks, of Torrington, Conn., but no children were born to the marriage. He succumbed to that fell destroyer, consumption, May 2, 1898, and was deeply mourned by a large circle of admiring friends, as well as by the members of his immediate family. He was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and in politics was a Republican.

George Archer, our subject, was in politics first a Whig, but on the disintegration of that party became a stanch Republican. He has never sought or accepted office, being of a very quiet disposition and domestic in his habits. He is a devout Baptist, and universally respected for his integrity and his Christian-like walk through life, and for his genial personal attributes. Mrs. Archer, who died Feb. 17, 1899, was a lady of refinement and culture, and in her ante-nuptial days was a school teacher of marked merit. The son's widow, also a lady of many accomplishments, has found a congenial home with the Archers. The family has always stood high in the social and religious circles of the town of Suffield and Hartford county.

GUY L. FAIRBROTHER, of Thompsonville, is the very efficient superintendent of the Enfield & Long Meadow Electric Railroad. He is a native of Connecticut, having been born at Mystic Jan. 15, 1864, a son of Albert C. Fairbrother, a seafaring man, and his good wife, Eliza E. (Burrows), a descendant of an old New London county (Conn.) family.

Mr. Fairbrother passed his early years in the town of Mystic, at Old Field, and at the early age of eleven years found employment in the refreshment room of the "Pastime," an excursion boat running from New Haven. On this boat he made his first trip to Florida. For eighteen years he engaged in boating on the St. John's river, and early acquired considerable skill in managing vessels, winning the confidence of those in charge. At the age of seventeen he was entrusted with the bringing of the "City of Dallas" from Florida to New York. When he decided to leave the life on the river, he secured a position as conductor on the West Shore road, running from Savin Rock to Woodmont, Conn., and this he retained for a year. The following year he became superintendent of the West Shore road, and a year later assistant superintendent of the Winchester Avenue road, of New Haven. During the illness of A. C. Pond, the superintendent, he acted in his place, and on Nov. 19, 1896, he became chief of the Enfield & Long Meadow Electric Railroad, and is discharging the duties of that difficult position in a manner highly pleasing to the stockholders as well as to the patrons of the road.

Mr. Fairbrother was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Carr, daughter of Superintendent Carr, of the Reading railroad shops. One son has been born of their union, Albert C., Feb. 9, 1892. Socially our subject is a member of Doric Lodge, No. 94, F. & A. M., and of the Knights of Pythias.

PATRICK HEALY, a highly-esteemed resident of Windsor Locks, is a man whose industry and thrift have won him a substantial fortune, and

the story of his life cannot fail to convey a useful moral.

Mr. Healy was born in March, 1828, in County Galway, Ireland, where his family have been well known for many generations. John Healy, his grandfather, was a native of that county, and he and his wife, Margaret Gantley, made their home upon a farm there. Hugh Healy, our subject's father, was also a native of Galway, where he followed farming for many years. He died there in 1852, and his wife, Margaret Ford, about 1860. Of their children our subject and his sister, Mrs. Burke, are all who came to America, and since July 4, 1853, they have resided in Windsor Locks.

During his youth Mr. Healy attended school in his native county, where he remained until the time was ripe for him to carry into execution a long cherished plan for coming to the United States. On reaching Windsor Locks he was employed in building the Seymour Paper Mill, and when the plant was ready for operations he took a position in the mill. This he held continuously until 1883 and by his judicious investment of his earnings he acquired a large amount of real estate in the town, so that the afternoon of his long and useful life is made comfortable by the rewards of past effort. His health is excellent for a man of his age, and he continues to take keen interest in all public affairs, being a stanch Democrat in politics. He was naturalized in Windsor Locks in 1858, and for many years was an active worker in his party, serving for a time as township assessor.

In January, 1855, Mr. Healy was married in Windsor Locks to Miss Ann Mullin, daughter of John Mullin, formerly a foreman in the Seymour Mill, and this union lasted nearly forty years, Mrs. Healy's death occurring in March, 1894. Six children were born to them: John P., deceased, who was educated in Windsor Locks, St. Charles College, at Baltimore, Md., St. Michael's College, at Toronto, Canada, and the Law School at Hartford, Conn., and was at the time of his death a successful attorney in the latter city; James A., a carpenter in New York City; Thomas L., a real-estate dealer in Hartford; Joseph, a journalist by profession; Frank E., a graduate of the Yale Law School, and a prominent attorney at Hartford, who is taking an active part in politics as chairman of the Republican committee of the town of Windsor Locks; and Mary L., deceased.

DWIGHT HENRY BENNETT, manager for L. V. Walkley, of Plantsville, was born in Cheshire, New Haven Co., Conn., Dec. 28, 1859.

Asa Legrand Bennett, his father, was a native of Southbury, born in 1820, and was there reared and educated. In early manhood he went to New York State, where for some years he was engaged in school teaching, and while there he married (for his first wife) a Miss Carse, who lived but nine months. After her death he returned to Southbury, Conn., and learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for a number of years in Naugatuck. In 1855 he located in Cheshire, where he purchased a farm of 100 acres, and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1892. In Naugatuck he was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha Ann Carroll, a native of that place, and a daughter of Nathaniel and Lucy (Mix) Carroll, of Thomaston, Conn. Her father was engaged in business as a wagon maker and undertaker in Naugatuck, and made his own coffin; he died at that place in 1864. Her mother, who was a native of Hartford, died in Naugatuck in 1854; she was a Webster, and a direct descendant of Noah Webster, of dictionary fame. Mrs. Bennett died on the same day as her husband, and was laid to rest by his side. In their family were four sons: Charles F., Simeon, Huber and Dwight H. The paternal grandparents of our subject, Silas and Phebe (Hinman) Bennett, had three children: Betsey (wife of Robert Bronson), Henry, and Asa L. Silas Bennett was born in Huntington, Conn., and became a farmer, merchant and manufacturer of Southbury, where he died in 1869. His wife departed this life in 1886.

Dwight H. Bennett, our subject, began his education in the public schools of Cheshire, where he was reared, and subsequently was graduated from Miles H. Upson's private school, in the Marion District of Southington. He remained on the old homestead in Cheshire until 1883, and then located in Plantsville, this county, where for four years he had charge of the packing department of H. D. Smith & Co. He next engaged in the meat business with his brother, Charles F., for four years, and for the same length of time was in the employ of A. M. Lewis, a meat merchant of Plantsville. At the end of that time he purchased the ice plant of Thomas Walker, which he conducted some years, and has held his present responsible position with L. V. Walkley since January, 1897. He is an upright, reliable business man, commanding the respect and confidence of all with whom he has dealings.

On Dec. 28, 1883, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage with Miss Carrie M. Rice, a daughter of Henry C. and Caroline (Rice) Rice, of the Marion District, Southington, and to them has been born a daughter, Viola. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Congregational Church, of the Mutual Benefit Society, and of Unity Council, No. 11, O. U. A. M., of which he is councillor. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

WILLIAM WOOD, M. D. (deceased), was one of the most distinguished and honored citizens of South Windsor. He was not only a popular and successful physician but occupied a position of no little prominence in scientific circles, and contributed many able articles to scientific journals and other periodicals.

A native of Connecticut, Dr. Wood was born in Waterbury, July 7, 1822, and was a son of Rev.

Luke and Anna (Pease) Wood. At the age of ten years he entered the academy at old Killingworth (now Clinton), Conn., where he pursued his studies for three years, preparatory to entering Yale College, but his youth debarring him from admission, he continued his studies under the private instruction of Profs. Marsh and Loverin, in Vermont, for two years. He then returned to Clinton, which journey of nearly 200 miles he accomplished on foot, with his clothes and books strapped over his back. The following year he was again a student in the academy at that place, but having overtaxed his eyes by too close application, he was compelled to abandon his cherished plan of entering Yale as a senior at the age of sixteen years.

During the two successive winters he devoted himself to teaching school, and during the summer months he pursued medical studies. He was principal of the academy at Windsor; assistant teacher at the academy in Westfield, Mass.; principal of the high school in Webster; and assistant teacher in the Pavilion school at Hartford. Subsequently he attended lectures at the Berkley Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., and at the Medical Department of the University of New York, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D., in March, 1847. In the autumn of the same year he opened an office in East Windsor Hill, and was not long in building up a large and lucrative practice, which he continued to enjoy throughout life.

In 1848, Dr. Wood was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Ellsworth, a daughter of Erastus Ellsworth. She still survives her husband, as did two children: Elizabeth Ellsworth (now deceased), who became the wife of Congressman Lewis Sperry, a prominent attorney of Hartford, who resides with Mrs. Wood at East Windsor Hill; and William R., who resides at the old home; he is a tobacco grower and stock dealer, and is now representing South Windsor in the State Legislature.

Dr. Wood was always a student of nature, devoted much time to the study of ornithology, zoology and archæology, and had a valuable collection in each of these departments. He was also a skillful taxidermist, and his method of mounting his specimens shows a keen observation of their manner and habits. His collections of birds and their eggs are among the finest in the country, and may be seen at the Hartford Atheneum, where they are in the care of the Scientific Association, to which they were presented by Mrs. Wood after the Doctor's death. His published writings for the most part related to natural history, and appeared in the "American Naturalist" and in other popular journals. Among his works may be mentioned a series of twenty-one articles published in the Hartford *Times*, in 1861, upon the "Rapacious Birds of New England." Another of his valuable contributions to science was an article published in the "Locomotive," entitled "Who first successfully applied steam to the navigation of vessels," and it proved most conclusively that the distinction belonged to John Fitch, of East (now South) Windsor, Conn., and not to Robert Fulton, as is generally contended.

Besides his association with professional organizations, Dr. Wood was an honorary member of the Lyceum of Natural History of Williams College; corresponding member of the National Ornithological Club of Cambridge, Mass.; and held positions of honor and trust in various medical societies. He was considered by his professional brethren as a very skillful practitioner, and he successfully engaged in practice up to within a few weeks of his death, which occurred Aug. 9, 1885.

The Doctor was an active and prominent member of the First Congregational Church and Society of East Windsor Hill. He was a lover of good music, and for thirty years led the services at that Church. He was a devoted leader, and was never absent from his place unless illness or professional duties kept him away. His favorite recreation was fishing, in which he was an enthusiast. He was very social in his nature, had a keen sense of the humorous, and his fund of anecdote was inexhaustible. He was very sympathetic, and his kindly and benevolent disposition was manifested by the readiness with which he responded to a call from one from whom he knew he could receive no possible remuneration. He devoted his untiring attention to his patients, and was always prompt to fulfill an engagement, professional or otherwise.

REUBEN W. HADLEY was born on March 22, 1843, at Dudley, Worcestershire, England, son of George Hadley, and grandson of Samuel Hadley, both natives of the same town.

Samuel Hadley was an innkeeper, and proprietor of the hostelry known as the "Shakespeare," famous in its day for its fine ale, which was always brewed under the personal supervision of "mine host." The house was a large one for its time, and enjoyed an enviable reputation. The proprietor was the father of four sons—Edward, Benjamin, George and Samuel. A daughter was married to a Mr. Carmichael, of Cornwall, and afterward made her home in London. Edward and Benjamin Hadley became innkeepers, and the latter succeeded to the conduct of his father's establishment. Samuel and George were iron workers.

George Hadley, who was the father of Reuben W., learned the iron worker's trade in the Burntree shop, at Dudley, and emigrated to America in 1848. He found temporary employment in the Mott Foundry, in New York City, but the following year went to Winsted, Conn. There he began work for the B. & E. Woodhall Co., manufacturers of fire irons. It was not long before he became a stockholder in the Winsted Shovel and Tongs Company, assuming the superintendency of their works. He continued to fill this position for six years, when, in the spring of 1858, he removed to New Britain, and became connected with the Russell & Erwin Co., which had purchased the stock, plant, patents and good will of the Winsted

concern. With Russell & Erwin he entered into a contract, which continued until near the close of his life, when it was assumed by his son, George. George Hadley, Sr., was a man of keen, common sense, sound judgment, and more than ordinary talent. While his sympathies were with the Republican party, he took no active part in politics. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in his latter years manifested an unusual interest in religious and humane effort, being an active worker in the cause of temperance, and in the "Good Samaritan" movement. He married Ann Woolley, whose father, Benjamin Woolley, of Dudley, England, was a manufacturer of fire shovels in a small way, in copartnership with his sons. He was a man of rare native mental acumen, and a stanch supporter of the Established Church. He was of magnificent physique (standing more than six feet), and lived to the age of seventy-five years. In addition to his daughter, Ann, who, as has been said, married George Hadley, he had children: Sabina, Phœbe, Maria, Eliza, Benjamin, Joseph, Henry and Alfred. Phœbe married Thomas Collett; Sabina became the wife of Abitha Parker; Eliza was united to Benjamin Jucks, and Maria to Benjamin Moss. Mrs. Hadley did not accompany her husband to America, but in 1850 sailed from England to rejoin him. She died during the long voyage of 105 days, on the sailing vessel "Antarctic," her husband following her to the grave in 1876. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five have died—Edward, Joseph, Edmond, George E., and Albert Edward. Those yet living are Reuben W. and Alfred W.

Reuben W. Hadley received his early education in his native county in England, and at the schools of Winsted. At the age of fifteen years he went from that town to New Britain, where he went to work in the same shop with his father. Early in the Civil war he and his brother worked on contracts for furnishing cavalry buckles to the government. The filling of the contract called for the services of some half dozen men, and required about six months for its completion. When it had been filled he returned for a short time to the employ of Russell & Erwin, but in 1863 went to Yonkers, N. Y., where he secured a contract for the polishing of army carbines. In this venture he was very successful, having fifty men in his employ at the close of the war. In fact, the profits accruing on this contract furnished the nucleus of the capital which has given him his financial success in life. His contract completed, Mr. Hadley resumed his relations with Russell & Erwin, and not long afterward formed a copartnership with Ambrose Beatty, the object of the joint enterprise being to engage in the grocery business under the firm name of Beatty & Hadley. A co-operative feature was introduced into the business, and from it sprang the Sovereign Trading Company, of New Britain. The firm of Beatty & Hadley ceased to exist, and in 1876 Mr. Hadley subsequently disposed of his interest in the venture to his partner. Three months afterward he entered into business alone at the present location of George Swain's saloon. After four or five years he removed to the premises now occupied by Olcott's Cafe, where he had a very extensive and lucrative trade. In October, 1895, he sustained a severe loss through fire, and, a dispute arising as to his liability under his lease, he determined to retire from active business.

Mr. Hadley, although measurably self-made, has built well upon a natural foundation. His business success has been, in certain aspects, phenomenal. To him the word "failure" has conveyed but an imperfect meaning. He remodeled the "Park Hotel," which he owns, at one time owned the D. C. Judd store, and has ever been one of New Britain's prominent and most prosperous business men. He has always been a Republican, and has taken an active interest in advancing his party's success. He has been selectman, but has never aspired to any higher office, being content faithfully to discharge the duties of private citizenship. He has served as captain of the Light Artillery, and has held the same rank in Company D, First Regiment of State Militia. For twenty years he has belonged to the I. O. O. F. and I. O. R. M. Among the business enterprises in which he has been interested was the Hadley & Martin coal firm, and he was one of the incorporators of Burrell's Savings Bank.

Mr. Hadley ascribes no small portion of his success to the counsel and aid of his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Neal. She was a daughter of James Neal, of Plainville, who emigrated to America from Loughborough, England. Two children have been born to them—Charles Edward and Fannie Neal, the daughter being now the wife of William H. Cadwell.

WILLIAM H. BREWER, an ex-soldier of the Civil war and one of the most progressive and successful farmers of the town of East Hartford, is the youngest of the eight children born to George and Fannie (Stevens) Brewer, a full biographical sketch of whom, including genealogy, will be found in the article devoted to Philo S. Brewer, elsewhere, but of whom brief mention will here again be made.

George Brewer, who was born July 6, 1800, married Sept. 12, 1820, Sarah Treat, who was born Sept. 7, 1794, and by this marriage were born four children: Elisha C., Nov. 5, 1821; Omri P., Sept. 4, 1823; Albert F., Sept. 4, 1825; and George C., Sept. 13, 1827. After the death of the mother of these, George Brewer married, Feb. 22, 1829, Mrs. Fannie Stevens, widow of Jason Stevens, of Glastonbury, and the mother of two children, Cornelia H., born Nov. 13, 1822, and Abbie S., born Dec. 22, 1824. The marriage of George and Fannie (Stevens) Brewer was blessed with eight children: Delia, born Feb. 13, 1830, who married Elizur Ensign April 3, 1850, and is residing in East Hartford; James F., born April 14, 1832,

who married Harriet Whitney, but is now deceased, his widow being now a resident of Southington; Sarah A., born Dec. 25, 1833, was married Sept. 29, 1857, to John J. Erving, a native of East Hartford, and is now deceased (her husband resided in East Hartford, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Geiselman, until his death, in October, 1899); of the fourth child, Philo S., a full record is given elsewhere; Eliza A., born Aug. 6, 1838, was married Oct. 28, 1868, to Dwight E. Sanford, of Hadley, Mass., but died June 25, 1874, her husband being also deceased, and the remains of both now lie at rest in the Hockanum cemetery; Jason, born Oct. 23, 1841, served three years in Company A, Twenty-first Conn. V. I., was shot in the side in front of Petersburg, and died from the injury Dec. 2, 1866; John M., born Oct. 7, 1843, married Ellen Roberts, of East Hartford, Jan. 23, 1866; and William H., the youngest, is the subject of this sketch.

William H. Brewer was born Oct. 13, 1845, on the old homestead, near where Philo S. Brewer now lives, was educated in the district school and the East Hartford high school, and after finishing his studies in the latter, about 1861, was employed in Colt's Armory, Hartford, for nearly a year, and then enlisted, March, 1864, in the same city, in Company A, Twenty-first Conn. Infantry, Capt. Beldon, Col. Dutton commanding. The first gunpowder burned by the regiment was at Little Washington, N. C., in a skirmish with superior numbers, and it was forced to retreat to the river; it was then transported to Portsmouth, in the same State, May 16, 1864, took part in the battle of Drury's Bluff, then lay in rifle pits near Bermuda Hundred, Va., a short time, and after a few more skirmishes took an active part in the three-days' fight at Cold Harbor, Va.; the regiment then fell back to the James river, then again to Bermuda Hundred, and next participated in the general advance on Petersburg. They arrived before that city at dawn after an all-night march, and were within firing distance of the enemy's line, when the terrible mine explosion took place (June 30, 1864); Mr. Brewer saw human beings, cannon and tons of dirt blown high into the air.

From Petersburg the Twenty-first Connecticut was ordered to Cedar Point, where it crossed the James river, fought at Fort Harrison, and then passed the winter of 1864-65 in camp on Chapin's Farm. It next made a raid toward Fredericksburg, it was thought after the Rebel guerrilla chief, Mosby, who had captured twenty-six carloads of tobacco at that point; but it withdrew from this pursuit and spent a few days at Deep Bottom, near the Wilderness, and later was one of the first regiments to enter Richmond. In that city Mr. Brewer acted as a guard for a train that was detailed to supply wood to the poor, and from Richmond went to Columbia, fifty miles distant, on the James river, where a base of supplies was established for the benefit of the impoverished ex-Rebels, and for some time was detailed to run up and down the river in carrying provisions between the two points. This duty having been fulfilled, Mr. Brewer was transferred at Richmond to Company G, Tenth Conn. V. I., the Twenty-first having been ordered home. After this transfer Mr. Brewer served three months as hospital guard, and had in charge the dairy supplies, seeing to it that milk was properly delivered, etc. He was honorably discharged at Richmond Sept. 5, 1865, and was shortly afterward mustered out at Hartford, Connecticut.

After the war Mr. Brewer went to Southington and started in to learn the iron molder's trade, but soon afterward returned to Hartford, and for a time worked in Colt's Armory. In 1866 he drove stage from Manchester Green to Winchester Station, and in 1867 returned to the home farm.

Mr. Brewer was united in marriage Feb. 9, 1870, with Mary Isabelle Crosley, and this union has been graced with five children: Frank C., who was born Nov. 13, 1870, married Mary Van Wagner, of Hartford, and now lives in East Hartford; Earnest J., born June 2, 1877, is still under the parental roof; Lenwood R. was born Jan. 16, 1879; Minnie Alice, April 23, 1889; and Rena B., June 14, 1892. The family attend the Congregational Church, and in politics Mr. Brewer is as liberal in his views as he is with his purse. He is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., is past master of the same, and for four years has been commander of D. C. Rodman Post, No. 65, G. A. R., of East Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer stand very high in the esteem of the community, Mr. Brewer's long descent never having suffered a stain through any word uttered or act performed by him or any member of the honored old family.

CHARLES CHAUNCEY BISSELL, a representative and prominent business man of Suffield, was born in that town Aug. 18, 1867, and is of the eighth generation of the Bissell family in America, tracing his ancestry from John Bissell, Sr., born in England in 1591, through the following: John, Jr., Jeremiah, Samuel, Isaac, Asaph L., and Charles S.

(II) John Bissell, Jr., was born in England, and died in 1693, in Hartford county.

(III) Jeremiah Bissell, born Feb. 22, 1677, married Mehitabel White.

(IV) Samuel Bissell married, Aug. 1, 1746, Mary Kibbe, of Enfield, Hartford county. He died Sept. 18, 1759.

(V) Isaac Bissell, born in Windsor Jan. 25, 1749, was the first of the family to settle in Suffield, and all of the name residing in that town are his descendants. On July 4, 1776, he married Amelia Leavitt, who was born in 1757, and died Nov. 15, 1809. He died July 28, 1822. Their children were: Amelia, Amelia (2), Isaac, Amelia (3), Samuel, Sophia, Harvey, George, Asaph L., Betsey, Sally, Luthera, and George (2).

(VI) Asaph L. Bissell, born Jan. 1, 1791, in Suffield, died Aug. 2, 1850, became a successful physician. He married Lucy Norton, and they had eight children, of whom Charles S., father of our subject, was the eldest.

(VII) Charles S. Bissell was born April 5, 1821, in Suffield, and is mentioned more fully in the sketch of Leavitt P. Bissell, elsewhere.

(VIII) Charles Chauncey Bissell was reared and educated in Suffield. While his father was a man of abundant means, he was not friendly toward giving his boys the theoretic side of life, neither did he think that a college education was indispensable to a young man's success. However, his sons were given practical ideas of business, and such education as was sufficient to carry on almost any enterprise. On leaving home Charles went to Hartford, where he accepted a position in the office of the Travelers Insurance Co., and there remained until 1891, when he entered the Suffield National Bank as assistant cashier, Alfred Spencer, the former cashier, having left that institution to accept a similar position with the Ætna National Bank, of Hartford. Mr. Bissell remained with the company in that capacity until 1898, and his service was marked by a courteous and efficient discharge of his duties.

In 1889 Mr. Bissell was united in marriage with Miss Clara J. Spencer, of Suffield, a daughter of the late I. Luther and Julia (Pease) Spencer, well-known and prominent citizens of that town. Our subject and his wife have one child, Charles, a most interesting boy. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Bissell are Baptists. She is a member of the D. A. R., and is now vice-regent of Sybil Dwight Kent Chapter, at Suffield. Mr. Bissell is a charter member of Gideon Granger Lodge, No. 62, Knights of Pythias; Apollo Lodge, No. 59, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., at Suffield; and Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and Sphinx Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, both of Hartford, Conn. Politically he is a Republican, and does all in his power for his party's success.

Mr. Bissell has purchased what is known as the Cline place in Suffield, its beautiful surroundings and delightful location making his home one of the most attractive in the locality. It is built in modern style of architecture, and supplied with every convenience, while the outbuildings are of the best, the barn, completed in June, 1899, being one of the finest in the northern part of Hartford county. Mr. Bissell is an admirer of good horses, and he keeps some fine animals in his stables. He is now a member of the firm of L. P. Bissell, Bro. & Co., extensive leaf tobacco dealers of Suffield. Mr. Bissell is probably one of the best-known citizens of his years in the town, a wholesouled, generous-hearted man, open in his every act, whose friends are numbered by the score, and whose acquaintances are among the very best people. He is shrewd and keen in business, far above the average in this respect. As a citizen he also stands high, and is ever ready to encourage projects of benefit, he and his brother Leavitt P. both taking a prominent part in promoting all enterprises for the public good. In his business dealings "Charley" Bissell has always been fair and honorable, and his every agreement and obligation has been carried out. His integrity is above question, and is just as reliable as his ability to pay. Such an individual would do credit to any ancestry.

FREDERICK LEVI NORTON, son of George Jones Norton, was born in the old Norton homestead at Kensington, Jan. 5, 1855. His father was born Feb. 16, 1807.

George J. Norton was master of two trades. He was both a cooper and a brass founder, and he was fairly prosperous in business, erecting a shop of his own, which has since been converted into a dwelling for his widow. In early life he became a Federalist, from conviction, and no mutation of administration ever induced him to change his political faith. On May 9, 1841, George J. Norton married Roxy Ann Munson, who was fifteen years his junior, having been born Oct. 12, 1822. Mr. Norton attained the age of seventy-five years, passing away Dec. 18, 1882. He was a stanch friend of temperance, a member of the Sons of Temperance, and a public-spirited citizen, serving on the board of relief several years. His father, Stephen Norton, the grandfather of Frederick L., was a farmer, and took an active interest in politics, as well as in church work. He died at the age of fifty-one, his widow, Betsey (Hooker), living to be nearly ninety years old; she was born May 22, 1785. Both were devout and consistent members of the Congregational Church.

Our subject was one of a family of nine children, only four of whom are living. The eldest, Charles William, born Aug. 23, 1842, served as a volunteer in a Connecticut regiment during the Civil war, and is at present assistant postmaster at New Britain; he married Rosella Capron, of that place. Harriet Jane Norton, born Sept. 15, 1852, is the wife of John P. Cornell, formerly of Berlin, but now residing in New Britain. Henry Stephen, the youngest living son, was born May 22, 1858, and married Julia Elizabeth Arthur, of Berlin, who was born Jan. 10, 1859.

Frederick L. Norton's education was obtained in the common schools of Kensington and at the Berlin Academy, which he attended for three terms, his instructors there being Miss Gleason and Mr. Richardson. At the age of sixteen he began his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and served four years with J. G. L. Carpenter, of New Britain, receiving during the last three years the sum of $300 in addition to his board. After leaving Mr. Carpenter he worked four or five months for Edward Pinney, of New Haven, who was at that time erecting the Central Block in New Britain. For a year and a half following he was

in the employ of Whapples Brothers, of New Britain, contractors. On leaving them he went to Bridgeport, where for six months he worked on the construction of the plant of the Ferris Cutlery Co., and for one and a half years for George Turney. Returning to New Britain, he formed a partnership with Mr. Carpenter, which continued for a year, during which time the firm of Carpenter & Norton built a house in Kensington for Theron Upson, one for Matthew Meskil, in New Britain, and four houses in Wethersfield for a Mr. Rogers. The firm being dissolved, Mr. Norton went to work for Adna Woodruff, at Southington, and after six months entered into partnership with George Stanley, of Kensington, the firm name being Norton & Stanley. They remodeled a residence for J. C. Bowers, of Kensington, and one for H. F. Damm, of Berlin, besides building houses for Barney Fitzharris and Michael McGee, of Kensington, and for Lewis Ainsworth, of New Britain. At the end of twelve months Mr. Norton bought Mr. Stanley's interest in the business, which he has since conducted alone. He built a shop in Beech Swamp Row, and for a time carried on a coal and lumber business in addition to that of contractor and builder. The former, however, he discontinued in December, 1896. Among the many buildings erected by Mr. Norton may be enumerated the following: The Steele & Damon, the D. C. Judd, the Bagley, the E. Volkman and the Isaac Kanerich blocks, New Britain; the Old Ladies Home and a number of residences in the same place, including those of Fred Steele, E. H. Preston, Lyman S. Burr, Mrs. Emeline E. Bassett, Joseph Towers, Charles E. Woodruff, Edward Conklin, James Finnegan, Hannah Lockre and George Banning. In Berlin he built Brandegee's, Walter G. Watkin's and Mechanics' Halls, the Methodist church, the residences of W. H. Upson, R. A. Wooding, James Brown, and Horace Payne, and six houses for Marcus E. Jacobs. In Kensington he has remodeled houses for Frank L. Wilcox and William S. Brandegee, and built for Dr. Gillin, besides erecting the factory of the American Paper Goods Co., Wooding Brothers' factory, and R. A. Wooding's water-tower. He has also recently completed a building for the Wheel & Cycle Bar Co., of Berlin, and has built a large number of houses in Meriden.

Mr. Norton's success has been wholly the result of his own efforts. Hard work, sound sense, keen intelligence, perseverance, pluck and honesty have been his main supports through life. It is these qualities that have won for him the unreserved confidence of the community in which he resides. It is such characters as his that have made New England what it is, and that shed lustre upon the State in which they are born; quiet and unassuming, yet rugged and of sterling worth. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the town committee of his party for nine years. He has never desired office, yet in 1895 his fellow townsmen, knowing his business sagacity and being well assured of his probity, elected him assessor. Fraternally Mr. Norton is a member of Phœnix Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F., and of Comstock Encampment, No. 29, I. O. O. F., of New Britain; of Pequot Council, No. 24, Sr. O. U. A. M., of Berlin; and of Mattabessett Tribe, I. O. R. M.

On Sept. 11, 1878, Mr. Norton married Miss Ellen Mary Woods, of New Britain, who was born in Cherryfield, Maine, Aug. 1, 1859. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucinda Burgess, died in August, 1895, and is buried at New Britain, where her father, Charles Hiram Woods, still resides. Mrs. Norton is a member of the Baptist Church of New Britain, but attends the Congregational Church at Kensington. Their marriage has been blessed with three children: (1) George Edward, born Sept. 20, 1879, was educated at the Kensington public schools, the New Britain high school, and Huntsinger's Business College, in Hartford. He is clerk at the Berlin station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. (2) Lillian Abbey, born Sept. 6, 1880, attended the schools in Kensington, and later the Model School at New Britain; at present she is employed as a milliner at the establishment of G. Fox & Co., in Hartford. (3) William Charles, born Aug. 26, 1888, is attending school in Berlin.

MICHAEL HOYE. It is said that biography yields to no other subject in point of interest and profit, and it is especially interesting to note the progress that has been made along various lines by those of foreign birth who have sought homes in America—the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the different methods and customs of America, recognize the advantages offered, and utilize the opportunities which the new world affords. In Michael Hoye, of West Hartford, we find a worthy representative of this class.

Mr. Hoye was born in County Longford, Ireland, in 1837, a son of Peter and Rose (Flynn) Hoye, natives of County Leitrim and County Longford, respectively. Of their ten children, seven came to the United States: Anne, who lives in the West; Michael, our subject; Patrick, a resident of Newington, Conn.; John, who died in the Civil war; Peter, who is employed in Goodwin's pottery, at Hartford; Maria, who is living in the West; and James, a carpenter of Hartford. The father died in New Britain, Connecticut.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native land, and followed farming in the old country until nineteen years of age, when he took passage on the "City of Mobile," bound for America. After a six-weeks voyage he landed in New York, May 3, 1856. For two years he worked on a farm near Peekskill, Westchester Co., N. Y., and then removed to North Salem, that State, where he resided until coming to Newington, Conn., in 1862. In March, 1863, he located upon his present farm, in West Hartford, Hartford county, where he has since made his home. Soon after coming here he

commenced work on the West Hartford roads under Superintendent Corbin, and later succeeded that gentleman as superintendent, having now been connected with the road work of the town for over thirty years. Under his supervision the roads have been macadamized, and have been kept in first-class order.

At Harlem, N. Y., Mr. Hoye was married, in 1862, to Miss Mary Simmarl, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, who died in 1891. To them were born two sons: (1) William Henry is married, and has three children, Margaret, James S. and William. (2) John M. married Mary Nolan. Our subject is a member of the Catholic Church of New Britain, and is highly respected and esteemed.

EDWIN GRAYSON BARBER, a leading dairyman and representative citizen of West Hartford, was born in that town Oct. 11, 1859, and belongs to one of the old families of the county, his grandfather, Grayson Barber, having been a resident of Bloomfield, where he was engaged in farming and the nursery business. He was three times married, his first wife being a Pettibone, and his second a Francis.

George Barber, father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Bloomfield, and was past thirty years of age when he moved across the boundary line into West Hartford. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomfield, and served as trustee of the same. In politics he was a Democrat, and on his party ticket was elected selectman of West Hartford, which position he filled in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He first married Miss Jennie K. Tefft, who died Aug. 2, 1872, leaving three children: George Franklin and Edwin Grayson, both of whom are mentioned more fully below; and Mary Rosell, wife of Charles Soule. For his second wife Mr. Barber married Esther Nichols, but had no children by that union.

Upon the home farm Edwin G. Barber grew to manhood, and his education was obtained in the Center school, and at Fisher & Osgood's Business College. He was married in West Hartford Oct. 17, 1881, to Miss Alice Lavinia Shepard, a daughter of Sheldon L. Shepard, and engaged in farming there until 1884, when he went West, taking a position with the Western Union Telegraph Co., as line repairer. In 1891 he returned to West Hartford, where he has since resided, his time being now devoted to the dairy business. He is a member of Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hartford, and of Bloomfield Grange, and his wife belongs to the Congregational Church of Bloomfield. They have an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances in the community where they make their home, and by all they are held in high regard.

GEORGE F. BARBER, a brother of our subject, was born in West Hartford May 25, 1857. He attended the district and high schools of that town, and also the Bloomfield Academy, and took a course at Fisher & Osgood's Business College, in Hartford. On laying aside his text-books he took up the occupation to which he had been reared, and has devoted his life to farming. In Bloomfield he married Miss Emma J. Peck, a daughter of De Forest H. Peck, and to them have been born five children: Jennie Vernon, Charles Earle, Frank Elliott, George Thomas, and Pearl Frances.

JOSEPH DAVISON was born in Yorkshire, England, Jan. 30, 1835. Extreme poverty compelled him to begin work at the early age of seven years, when he entered a woolen mill, his daily toil commencing at six o'clock in the morning, and not being completed until eight in the evening, he receiving for these fourteen hours of hard labor the miserable stipend of sixpence per day.

Mr. Davison continued to work in the Yorkshire mills until he was nineteen years old, when he determined to seek better fortune in a strange land. Accordingly, in 1854, he embarked upon a sailing vessel bound for America, and after a tedious voyage of thirty-eight days landed at New York. From that city he proceeded to Rockville, Conn., where he began work once more in woolen mills, first at the Leeds, and later at the Rock and the American mills. At the second plant named he remained five months, and at the American establishment until 1859, in which year he went to Windsor, where he entered the mills of Billings & Brown, with whom he remained for three years. The next year he spent at Windsor Locks, and the twelve months following in the mill of Charles Fox, at Stafford Springs. After leaving Mr. Fox he entered the employ of another woolen manufacturer, by the name of Julian Converse, at Stafford Springs, remaining at these mills for about six years. In 1871 he returned to his native land, on a visit of three months. On his return to this country he located at Thomaston, Conn., where he was employed in the mills until 1873. The year 1874 he passed at Monson, Mass., and the four years following at Seymour, Conn., where he acted as engineer in the woolen mills until 1878. His next move was to Manchester, where he took a position in the Hilliard Woolen Mills. Some years later—in 1887—he removed to Somerville, and after a few months of work there returned to Manchester and again entered the employ of the Hilliards. In 1888, having accumulated sufficient means to enable him to do so, he retired from labor.

Mr. Davison has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united on Sept. 7, 1857, was Miss Mary Pierce, of Somers, Conn. She died in September, 1891, and on Feb. 1, 1893, he was married a second time. There was no issue by either marriage. Our subject's political affiliation is with the Democratic party. Mr. Davison's success af-

fords a striking illustration of the results attainable by industry and thrift. His education has been obtained altogether outside of the school room, but his native grit and indomitable perseverance, together with his intercourse with the world, have made him what he is. Compelled to labor while yet a mere child, he has never yielded to discouragement, and has hewn out his own road to fortune. He is possessed of a fair competence, and owns, among other properties, four fine, modern, double tenement houses on School street, in South Manchester.

L. SAUER, a well-known business man of Unionville, and the present efficient treasurer of the town of Farmington, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 18, 1857. His parents, Joseph and Barbara (Koeniger) Sauer, and also his grandparents, Joseph and Kathrina Sauer, spent their entire lives in Bavaria. There our subject acquired a good education in his native tongue, and at the age of sixteen years commenced learning the butcher business in Wurzburg, serving an apprenticeship of a year and a half, and paying $60 for the privilege of learning.

Before he attained the age of eighteen Mr. Sauer came to the United States and located in New Haven, where he worked in a meat market for seven years. It was in 1882 that he came to Unionville, where he was in the employ of J. A. Merriman for six years, but for over eleven years he has engaged in the meat business on his own account with good success, having built up quite a profitable trade. His prosperity is due entirely to his industry, perseverance and well-directed efforts, for he began life here empty-handed, a stranger in a strange land, and unfamiliar with the English language.

In New Haven, Mr. Sauer was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Rexroth, a native of Canton, Conn., and to them have been born three children: Leonora, Nettie Ray and Eva Elizabeth. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Sauer was elected treasurer of Farmington on the Democratic ticket, and is now acceptably filling that office. Socially he is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., of Unionville; Phœnix Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F., of New Britain; Agenda Lodge, No. 31, K. P.; and of the I. O. R. M.

EDGAR WESLEY MOTT, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Kensington, was born at Haverstraw, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1851. His ancestors on his paternal side were French, while his mother's family was among the early Dutch settlers of Manhattan Island. The Motts also were among the earliest immigrants from the Old World. Both families are noted for their longevity.

Mr. Mott's paternal grandfather, Hemion Mott, attained the extraordinary age of one hundred and four years, and his grandmother (*nee* Acker) lived to be ninety-nine. The graves of both are at Paterson, N. J. Hemion Mott was an ardent patriot, and attested his devotion to his country by serving in the struggle of 1776 and in the war of 1812. He was a blacksmith by trade, prosperous and well-to-do, and at one time owned the greater part of what is now Mechanic street, in Paterson, to-day one of the principal business thoroughfares of that city.

William Mott, the father of Edgar W., was born in Rockland county, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1801. He married Susan Hemion, who was born Feb. 26, 1810, at Paterson, N. J. He, too, was a blacksmith, a man of quiet, unpretentious tastes and life, industrious, and possessed of some means. In 1836 he took up his residence in Haverstraw, N. Y., where he died April 9, 1854, continuing his work at the forge until called away by death. His widow survived him for nearly forty years, passing away Jan. 2, 1894, at Haverstraw, within a stone's throw of her former home. To William Mott and his wife were born six sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except one, Benjamin Franklin, who died at Haverstraw May 6, 1837. All are married.

Edgar W. Mott's early educational advantages were of the most meagre sort, being confined to nine months' attendance at the public schools of Haverstraw. The reasons for this short school training can be soon told. When a mere child he was attacked by a disease of his left hip joint, which confined him at home for several years. His father died when he was but three years old, and the enlistment of his older brothers in the Union army, in 1861, obliged him to go to work to aid in the support of his mother. Filial devotion to his mother has been one of Mr. Mott's characteristics through life, and for many years he remained unmarried in order that he might the better provide for her a home and a comfortable maintenance in her declining years. He began working before he had reached the age of twelve, driving a coal wagon for nine months, for fifty cents a day. The next three years he was employed as an errand boy in the Warren foundry, and then returned to the coal yard, where he was able to command a dollar a day. After twelve months so spent he secured (although then only between fifteen and sixteen years of age) a situation as engineer in the brickyards of E. & S. Snedeker, of Haverstraw. This position he held for ten months, when he returned to the foundry with the intention of learning the trade of a machinist. After two years spent in this pursuit he went to Paterson, where for a year he was employed in the Grant Locomotive Works. From Paterson he went to Newark, N. J., where for eighteen months he worked as a machinist in the Hatts-Campbell Engine Works. At the end of that time he went back to Haverstraw, where for three seasons he was engineer in the brickyards, being first employed by John Brockway, and afterward by Denoyelles & Virdin. His next removal was to Farmingdale, L. I., where

for a year he ran the engine in the brickyard of A. T. Stewart & Co. From that place he went to Kingston, N. Y., where he was given supervision of all the drilling machinery in use by Warren & Hunter, contractors for excavating and constructing a tunnel on the line of the West Shore railroad. This work completed, he once more returned to Haverstraw, to become an engineer in the brickyard of T. G. Peck & Co., for one season, after which he filled a similar position for eight months with the Quinnipiac Brick Co., of New Haven, Conn., and afterward for five years with P. Sharres, of the same place. On leaving this situation he engaged in the business of crushing stone and farming in copartnership with a Mr. Lewis, under the firm name of Mott & Lewis. The concern had a contract with the town of Hampden, but after a year sold out to Stiles & Bruce, Mr. Mott remaining in the employ of the new firm for a year and a half, and being given charge of the crushing machinery. His next location was at Berlin, in Hartford county, where for two and a half years he was engineer for the C. P. Merwin Brick Co. Going from Berlin to New Britain, he entered the P. & F. Corbin factory, as a brass turner. After nine months, however, he abandoned this position to engage in the confectionery and ice-cream business, opening a place in his own home, on the depot road, in Berlin. He also conducts a bicycle repair shop.

Mr. Mott has been essentially the architect and builder of his own success. Threatened with a grave physical malformation in childhood, deprived of even ordinary educational advantages, obliged while yet very young to encounter all the trials and discouragements incident to hard work for scanty pay, his industry has never flagged, and his perseverance has never wearied. Through his own unaided efforts he has passed successfully through many struggles, but his indomitable courage, firm purpose and high moral sense have enabled him to conquer. He owns about five acres of land in Kensington, which he purchased from M. E. Jacobs in 1894. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge in New Britain, and while in Haverstraw belonged to the Order of Good Templars. In politics he is a Republican, as were his father and grandfather. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational Church of Kensington. Mrs. Mott is a daughter of Charles and Caroline Forst, of Hoboken, N. J., both of whom are yet living (1899). Her first husband was engaged in the ice business in New York City, and the issue of her union with him was two children: Addie Mary, born in 1878, and James Elmer, born in 1883. Both live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Mott have no children.

LOUIS G. WILEY, senior member of the firm of L. G. Wiley & Son, a printing firm of high reputation in Hartford, has passed the greater part of his active life in that city.

Mr. Wiley comes of substantial New England stock, and his grandfather, Samuel Wiley, a native of Massachusetts, was a representative of one of the early families of that State, the Wileys having settled in Lynn about 1636. Samuel Wiley was a shoemaker, and followed his trade to some extent, and being a musician of considerable ability also taught vocal music. In 1830, when forty years of age, he came to Hartford, and here followed the profession of music teacher. His wife died in 1866.

William H. Wiley, father of our subject, was born Sept. 12, 1821, in Wakefield, Mass., and came to Hartford when ten years of age. He received his education in the common schools. For a time he was employed as steward on steamers plying between Hartford and New York, but eventually learned the trade of shoemaker, thus entering the principal business of his life. For a time he lived in South Reading, Mass., where he became well known, taking an active part in the affairs of the town; he presented the public school there with a flag. However, his life was for the most part spent in Hartford, where for a number of years he was superintendent of the shoe department of the Deaf & Dumb Asylum. He also conducted a shoe store on North Main street, and later became a member of the firm of Wiley, Kellogg & Maynard for three years, they engaging in the manufacture of shoes on an extensive scale. Taking up the insurance business, he became agent for several companies, and subsequently was engaged three years with the Jewell Belting Co., "on the road" as salesman, and one year with the J. B. Hoyt Belting Co., of New York. In 1875 he commenced the overgaiter business, in which he remained permanently, opening a small place on Asylum street, with two men. In time he found himself in command of a large trade, which expanded from year to year until, in 1889, it was necessary to remove the business to more commodious quarters, and it was established in the building still occupied by the William H. Wiley & Son Co., a structure 140x25 feet in dimensions, and three stories in height, originally erected by the Hartford Life Insurance Co. Here he continued in prosperous business until his death, and was regarded as one of the most substantial business men in Hartford. Mr. Wiley was a prominent member of the Board of Trade, and was deeply interested in the welfare and progress of his adopted city, served on the Arsenal School committee, and in many ways displayed commendable public spirit. He was very patriotic, and was active in getting up Fourth of July celebrations, especially the floral procession which proved such a success. Though actively interested in politics, he never held office. He was a veteran fireman, having served many years in the volunteer department; was a member of the Governor's Foot Guard, in which he held office a number of years; was for many years a member and officer of Charter Oak Lodge and

Midian Encampment, I. O. O. F.; was identified with the Sons of the Revolution, his great-grandfather having been a member of the regiment commanded by Col. David Green, in the Revolutionary war; and was a member of the Historical Society. Mr. Wiley was at one time identified with the North Baptist Church, Hartford, and later with Dr. Stone's Church, in which he served as deacon, and in the organization of which he was one of the prime movers. He was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. He and Dr. Stone were warm personal friends. A man of great ambition and commensurate energy, thoroughly successful in business, alive to every interest for the good of his city, kind-hearted, liberal and charitable, Mr. Wiley made a place for himself among the best people of Hartford as a self-made man worthy the prosperity which attended his efforts. His means as they increased were used judiciously for increased benefit to his fellowmen, as well as for additional personal comforts and luxuries, and his death, on Nov. 8, 1892, when he was seventy-two years of age, was widely and sincerely lamented. He was an indefatigable worker up to the time of his decease. He built three dwelling-houses in Hartford.

Mr. Wiley married, in 1845, Miss Miranda Griswold, a native of Simsbury, this county, only child of John and Eunice (Eno) Griswold. Mrs. Eunice (Eno) Griswold was born in Simsbury, belonging to an old family of that town, and died at the age of eighty-four years. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, six now living: Louis G., whose name introduces this sketch; Annie A., wife of Edward C. Frisbie, of the firm of Talcott, Frisbie & Co., wholesale druggists, Hartford; Edward N., of the firm of Webster, Wiley & Co., general insurance agents, Chicago, also manager of the branch factory of W. H. Wiley & Son Co. there; Lyman A., assistant treasurer of the People's Gas Co., in Chicago, who was formerly teller of the Charter Oak Bank, Hartford, where he is also well known; J. Allen, now president of the William H. Wiley & Son Co., Hartford; and Clarence H., who is in the patent letter-file business, Hartford. The mother still survives. She is a member of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Stone's church.

Louis G. Wiley was born Nov. 8, 1850, in Hartford, where he spent his early years, and received his education in the common schools and the old Arsenal School. After commencing work he was with his father for a time, but he learned the printer's trade, with an uncle, and followed same as journeyman for twelve years, later becoming foreman of an office in Worcester, Mass. He was also journeyman two years with Case & Lockwood, the largest concern in that line in Hartford, before commencing business on his own account, in 1893. His establishment is located at No. 41 Trumbull street, and occupies an entire floor, completely equipped for illustrating, designing, steel plate, catalogue and mercantile printing, the firm at present being L. G. Wiley & Son. The office is finely fitted up. From eight to twelve men are employed, and the work is first-class in every particular. Mr. Wiley has endeavored to make his way in the world by merit, but there is no doubt that his attractive personal qualities have also had their share in his success. His cordial, outspoken manner, honesty and uprightness, manifest in all his dealings with his fellow men, have won him the sincere good-will of all with whom he comes in contact. Socially he is well known, being a member of the O. U. A. M.; the A. O. U. W.; the Veteran Corps of Putnam Phalanx; the Gentlemen's Driving Club; and the Veteran Association of the City Guard, of which he was an active member eight years, belonging to Company K. He is a well-known snare drummer, and was a drummer for the regiment for ten years. Mr. Wiley's political support is given to the Republican party, but though interested in its success he has never been persuaded to accept office.

In 1872 Mr. Wiley married Miss Carrie Jackson, and they have had four children: Louis, who is a dentist in Thimpsonville, Conn., married Nina Ranney, and has two children, Lucile and Muriel; Robert E., a graduate of the Hartford Public High School, and a promising young business man, is in business with his father; Herbert is in the insurance business, holding a position with the Scottish Alliance Co.; Mabel is the wife of Christopher Cuchney, an electrician. Mrs. Wiley is a native of Hartford. Her father, Dr. Louis W. Jackson, was a lieutenant in the Civil war, serving with the 1st Connecticut Artillery, took part in many engagements, among others the actions before Petersburg, and made a fine record for bravery. He was a policeman for many years in Hartford, and was presented by the police of the city with a fine sword. Of his family only two are living: Carrie, Mrs. Wiley; and William, who is a resident of Glastonbury, Hartford county.

MISS RUTH THOMPSON SPERRY, local historian and genealogist, whose death occurred Feb. 22, 1900, at the home of her mother at East Windsor Hill, had become widely known to the people of her locality, Hartford county and the State, through her valuable historical work, which brought her into prominence.

Miss Sperry was born July 4, 1854, at East Windsor Hill, in the town of South Windsor, a daughter of the late Daniel Gilbert and Harriet Frances (Pelton) Sperry, and on her father's side was a lineal descendant of Richard Sperry, who came to New Haven in 1643; while on her mother's side she was a lineal descendant of John Pelton, who came to Boston in 1634, more of the details of her ancestry being set forth in the sketch of her brother, Hon. Lewis Sperry, former Congressman from the Hartford district.

Miss Sperry was graduated from Mount Hol-

yoke (Mass.) College in the class of 1875, with superior scholarship. Her literary tastes were directed into historical channels. She rendered Dr. Stiles valuable assistance in preparing his "History of Ancient Windsor," in the preface to which he pays her the following compliment: "Providence has supplied me with a most efficient helper in Miss Ruth Sperry, of East Windsor Hill, to whose unwearied enthusiasm and tact in the collection of material, both historical and genealogical, the good people of East and South Windsor will owe far more than they can ever repay."

Miss Sperry evinced great aptitude for this line of work as well as capacity, and was most thorough and painstaking. Her methods of research were peculiarly her own, and once started on a subject she followed it up with a persistency and patience known only to the few. Her enthusiasm was great, and she threw her very soul into what to her was most fascinating and a labor of love. She could be seen in the attics of her ancient town in search for papers, records and odd documents that might throw light upon its venerable history; and in the graveyards, removing the moss-covered and long obscured letters from the tombstones of the long silent dead. She was an enthusiastic lover of old manuscripts and books, and possessed a valuable collection. She prepared most carefully a complete history of the towns of East and South Windsor in the war of the Revolution, rescuing from oblivion much valuable history, and for this work the people of those towns and the State are under a lasting debt of gratitude to her.

Miss Sperry was petite and sprightly in person, and an entertaining and original conversationalist. Possessed of many womanly virtues, she attracted to her many friends. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of South Windsor. Miss Sperry became an authority in the genealogies of the Windsors, and great were the demands made upon her by descendants of the families of those towns, both local and distant, so much so that her strength was probably overtaxed. At the time of her death, the following is one of the resolutions passed by Martha Pitkin Wolcott Chapter, of Hartford, of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

Resolved, That this Chapter place upon formal record its grateful appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Miss Sperry to Revolutionary History, and especially to East Windsor and South Windsor and their descendants, in the painstaking and exhaustive historical work she has done for her native town, through which much has been preserved, that, except for her labor of love, would have been lost to posterity.

EDWIN DWIGHT GRAVES, civil engineer, Hartford, with offices in the Ætna Life Insurance Building, though yet a young man, has, by application to his profession and innate ability, placed himself among the leaders of his profession.

Born Oct. 5, 1865, at Orono, Maine, a son of Perez Boardman and Abbie M. (Colburn) Graves, our subject is a representative of one of the early settlers of Hartford and vicinity, and later of Hatfield, Mass. Thomas Graves, the emigrant ancestor of the branch of the Graves family of which the subject of this sketch is a member, born in 1585, in England, came to New England with his wife Sarah and five children before 1645, the first record of him in this country being in 1645 at Hartford, Conn., where he and family then resided. They were intelligent members of society and prominent in religious and public affairs. Thomas Graves died in 1662 in Hatfield, Mass., whither he had moved in 1661.

From this Thomas Graves our subject is a descendant in the ninth generation, his line being through Isaac, Jonathan, Jonathan (2), Joseph, Perez, Joseph (2), and Perez Boardman Graves.

(II) Isaac Graves, son of Thomas, the settler, born in England as early as 1620, came to New England with his father's family, and settled in Hartford, Conn., before 1645. He married Mary, daughter of Richard and Ann Church, who came to New England in 1637. He removed to Hatfield, Mass., in 1661, and took an active part in the affairs of that settlement, as he had at Hartford. He was sergeant of the Colonial militia and clerk of writs for the town. He figured in having Hatfield set off from Hadley, and was prominent generally in the affairs of the community. He was killed in the Indian attack on the Hatfield settlement Sept. 19, 1677. His wife died in 1695.

(III) Jonathan Graves, son of Isaac, born in 1666, married (first) Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Atherton) Parsons. Mr. Graves died in 1710, and Mrs. Graves in 1737. They resided in Hatfield, Massachusetts.

(IV) Jonathan Graves (2), son of Jonathan, born in 1702, married Margaret, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Stebbins) Strong, and removed from Hatfield to Belchertown between 1731 and 1736. Mr. Graves died in 1787, and his wife in 1769.

(V) Joseph Graves, son of Jonathan (2), born in 1735, in Belchertown, Mass., married in 1761 Eunice, born in 1742, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Lyman) Dwight, of Belchertown. Mr. Graves was a patriot of the Revolution, serving as a lieutenant in the 5th Company, 4th Regiment of Hampshire troops. His death occurred in 1796, and that of his widow in 1807.

(VI) Perez Graves, son of Joseph, born in 1764, married in 1795 Anna, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Winslow) Spencer, of Belchertown, Mass., and resided there until 1826, then removed to Orono, Maine. Mr. Graves died in 1827, and his widow in 1849. He was a substantial citizen, and for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church.

(VII) Joseph Graves (2), son of Perez, born in 1805, married in 1834 Augusta Johnson, of Jackson, Maine. She died soon afterward, and he survived until 1887, dying at Orono, Maine, June

17, of that year. He was a lumber dealer, and later a farmer.

(VIII) Perez Boardman Graves, son of Joseph (2), and the father of Edwin Dwight Graves, of Hartford, born Nov. 15, 1835, in Orono, Maine, married July 5, 1863, at Orono, Abbie Marie Colburn, born Feb. 4, 1838, daughter of Abram Colburn, a farmer of Orono, and a descendant of an early family in Maine. Mr. Graves was reared on a farm in Orono, and on the death of his father became the possessor of the homestead, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. His death occurred June 14, 1884. He held the respect and esteem of the community in which he lived. His children are: Edwin Dwight, and Joseph Colburn, who was born Sept. 3, 1870, in Orono, was graduated with the degree of M. E. from the University of Maine, and is now in the employ of the Otis Elevator Co., of New York. The mother of these sons is living on the homestead in Orono. She is identified with the Congregational Church.

Edwin Dwight Graves, the subject proper of this review, attended the public schools of his native town, and then took a course in civil engineering at the University of Maine, at Orono, from which he was graduated in 1886. After this event he began his professional career, occupied in the construction of railroads in the State of Maine, in the capacity of chief engineer of the Somerset railroad from 1886 to 1890. In the latter year he came to the State of Connecticut, and has since devoted himself to the specialty of bridge building. Mr. Graves designed, and was in charge of the construction of, the bridge crossing the Connecticut river at Thompsonville, and following this he designed and built the new toll-bridge over the Connecticut river at Middletown, which is the longest draw-span operated by electricity in this country. He also built the bridge crossing the Connecticut at White River Junction, Vt. Mr. Graves has also given some time in the line of steel frame building, and has had charge of the construction of a number of steel frame buildings erected in New York, including some of the "sky-scrapers" in that metropolis and elsewhere over the country. He drew the plans for the large building in Hartford known as the Coliseum. He located in Hartford in 1896—two hundred and fifty years and more from the time of the coming to this point of his first American ancestor—as chief engineer for the Connecticut River Bridge and Highway District Commission, since which time he has given his ability and energies to the plans of the new structure which is to span the Connecticut, from Hartford to East Hartford, and which will involve the expenditure of a million and a half dollars, require several years in construction, and be one of the finest bridges of its class in this country. Engineer Graves is one of the energetic and live men of Hartford, thoroughly in love with his calling, and most proficient, and, if we mistake not, will be heard from in no uncertain sounds in the line of engineering.

On Oct. 6, 1890, Mr. Graves was married to May Bell Parlin, born in North Anson, Maine, a daughter of J. J. Parlin (deceased), who was a lawyer of prominence in that town, and who served in the Maine State Legislature and as a member of the State Central committee. By his wife, Sarah (Butler), he had two children: May Bell, wife of our subject; and Leon, living in North Anson with his mother. To Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Graves have been born two children: Margaret E. and Justin D. Our subject is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; of the Connecticut Civil Engineers and Surveyors Association, of which latter he was elected vice-president in 1898, president in 1889, and re-elected in 1900; member of the Engineers Club of New York; the Engineers Club of Philadelphia; the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, organized in 1825; the International Association for Testing Materials; the Hartford Club; the Republican Club; the Hartford Golf Club; of the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity; and also a member of Connecticut Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

JOSEPH SCHWAB. A fine example of fortitude and fidelity to duty is found in the life history of Joseph Schwab, one of the honored citizens of Hartford. Both in public service and in his business activity he has won the esteem of his fellow men, and now in the afternoon of life enjoys a well-earned competency. He conducts a general insurance agency at No. 51 Trumbull street, in the building of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Schwab was born in Gruenstadt, Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, June 3, 1826, the youngest son of Jacob and Miriam (Sauer) Schwab, and grandson of Elias Schwab. Jacob Schwab, the father, was a butcher by trade, and followed that business at Gruenstadt, his native town. He served in Napoleon's "Young Guard," and of his regiment of 2,000 men, who took part in that fearful campaign in Russia, all perished but twenty-eight, he being among the survivors. In recognition of his brave service during that campaign he was presented by Louis Napoleon with a bronze cross of honor, which his son still possesses. Later he took part in the historic battle of Leipsic, under a Swedish general of the allied armies, who had admired his soldierly qualities. In 1853 he came to America, bringing his wife and four children—two sons and two daughters—and with his oldest son, Moritz, started in the butcher business in New York, where he lived until his death, in 1863, at the age of seventy-one years. Moritz continued this business after the father's death up to the time of his own death, in 1879. The mother, *nee* Miriam Sauer, was born in Bayreuth, Germany, and had four children, of whom Joseph was the youngest, and is the only survivor. She lived to be nearly one hundred

years old, and was a very active woman. The parents were both of the Jewish faith.

Joseph Schwab passed his early years at his birthplace, Gruenstadt, where he was educated in the common and high schools, studying Latin and French, and graduating at fourteen, far in advance of his years. On account of straitened means his father was unable to gratify his wish to enter the University, so he took a position as copyist in a law office, where his knowledge of Latin was of considerable advantage. Here he remained three years, and then entered a mercantile house in Buehl, Grand Duchy of Baden, engaged in the manufacture of knitting yarns. Here faithful and efficient service advanced him to the position of manager, which he held for the five years prior to his coming to America. During the early years of his connection with this firm he took part in the Revolution which broke out in Germany in 1848. Believing that there would be better opportunities for his ability in a foreign land, he consented to the removal of his father's family to America, which was accomplished in 1853. He resigned as manager of the knitting yarn mills and sailed for the New World, bringing with him credentials of a high character. Upon arriving in New York, he applied for and obtained the position of bookkeeper in the American branch of the great international banking house of Philip Speyer & Co., whose home office was in Frankfort-on-the-Main. After two years' service with Speyer & Co., he resigned, and, at the earnest solicitation of a cousin, then engaged in the millinery and dry-goods business in Hartford, he came here and acquired a part interest in the enterprise. Two years later his cousin removed to New York, and Mr. Schwab, buying his interest, conducted the business alone for one year, then formed a partnership with Julius Wallach, under the firm name of Wallach & Schwab. This firm continued in successful operation of the greater part of eighteen years, but owing to the depression in business, disolved partnership in 1877. During the last few years of its existence the firm had invested extensively in real estate, and during the panic which followed they lost heavily. Nothing daunted, however, Mr. Schwab entered the insurance business as an agent, and valiantly began to retrieve his shattered fortunes. He pursued the business of general solicitor with indomitable perseverance, and success crowned his efforts. While no longer striving, or expecting to be wealthy, he has placed himself on a firm financial basis, and is reckoned as one of the successful business men of the city. He represents a number of the largest companies, and as a member of the Hartford Board of Fire Underwriters can write policies in any fire insurance company authorized in the State of Connecticut. He has served eighteen years as manager of the Germania Life Insurance Co. of New York, for the New England States.

Honesty, coupled with a determination to win, has been the keynote of Mr. Schwab's life. An indication of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens may be gained by a summary of his public services. For more than a quarter of a century he has been elected year after year to serve as a member of the High School Committee. He was first elected in 1870, when the building then used for that purpose was small, poorly ventilated and poorly equipped. To-day the High School building, the pride of every citizen of Hartford, the handsomest, largest and best equipped of its kind in the New England States, if not in the Union, stands largely as a monument to his indefatigable ambition to give Hartford the finest High School which money could procure. This building was completed in 1899. Probably no man in the State has served so continuously upon any committee of a public school. Mr. Schwab served three years as police commissioner of the city, and has been a delegate to a number of conventions. He has been Treasurer of the High School Committee for the past twelve years. In 1869 he was chairman of the committee on the celebration of the Humboldt Centennial, and practically had charge of all the details.

Mr. Schwab was married, in 1850, to Johanna Wertheimer, who was born in Buehl, Grand Duchy of Baden, where he lived during the nine years prior to his coming to America. She was a woman of rare literary tastes, and her family was highly respected. To Mr. Schwab and wife were born eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: (1) Emil, a newspaper man, is living in Boston, where he has editorial charge of the publications of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. (2) Otto, who is vice-president of the Southern Furniture Co., of Atlanta, Ga., married Ida Newelt, and has two children, Robert and Richard. (3) Gustav, who is the representative of a New York importing house at Boston, married Caroline Fox, and has one son, Lawrence. (4) Alice, widow of the late Simon C. Metzger, of the firm of Gallup & Metzger; has two children, Clarence and Robert. (5) Martha has, since the death of her mother, conducted the household of her father. (6) Emma is married to Frederick J. Curnick, a broker of New York. (7) Josephine Hortense, a graduate of the Hartford High School, and of the Normal School at New Britain, is now teaching at the Brown school. Mrs. Schwab passed away Dec. 25, 1893, aged sixty-seven years. Socially Mr. Schwab is a member of La Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M., and is chairman of the trustees of this lodge. The family attends the Reformed Jewish Temple.

HON. ELISHA JOHNSON, whose death occurred at his home in Hartford Feb. 18, 1891, after a brief illness resulting from an attack of bronchial pneumonia, was for many years one of the city's substantial men and useful citizens, and a prominent member of the Hartford County Bar.

Judge Johnson was born May 1, 1818, in Barkhamsted, Conn., son of Elisha and Hannah (Gates) Johnson. He passed through the customary expe-

riences known to the country boys of his day, in the district school, on the farm, and as a teacher. Having decided upon the law as a profession, he entered the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated. He furthered his studies in the office of Hon. Gideon Hall, at Winsted, Conn., was admitted to the Bar in 1841, and located in practice in Plymouth, where he built up an excellent practice; he was for many years elected judge of Probate, and was sent to the State Senate from the Sixteenth District in 1849, 1850, and 1852.

In 1855 Judge Johnson came to Hartford, where he continued in the active practice of his profession until his death. He was for two years recorder of the Hartford City Court, and judge of the Police Court for three years, and was a member of the original board of police commissioners, which organized the police force in 1860. He was elected to the State Senate from the First District in 1860, 1861, 1870 and 1871, and to the House of Representatives in 1869, 1875 and 1876. He was for many years chairman of the school committee in the West Middle district of Hartford, and served for eleven years as chairman of the High School committee. He was appointed a member of the State Board of Health in 1885, and continued in that office until his death. He was one of the original members of Trinity Church parish, and was an active officer and liberal supporter of his church during his whole life. For nearly twenty-five years, and until a short time before his death, he was the superintendent of its Sabbath-school. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, passed all the chairs, and was past grand of Hartford Lodge. He was a director of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and of the Eagle Lock Co., of Terryville, Conn. He was one of the organizers and directors of The Loan & Guarantee Co. of Connecticut.

The following tribute to the life of Judge Johnson is extracted from the obituary prepared by Thomas McManus, Esq., of the Hartford County Bar, and published in the Connecticut Law Reports, 1891.

Mr. Johnson's life, private, public and professional, was eminently of the useful type. He was an affectionate husband, a model parent, a good neighbor, a public spirited citizen. He was honest, capable and industrious. He was well equipped mentally and physically for success as a legislator. His frame was large, erect and well proportioned. His voice was distinct, and his temper and feelings were always under control. In debate he never lost his head or rashly ventured into the discussion of subjects that he did not thoroughly understand, and so the leadership came by the cheerful consent of his colleagues. Outside of purely partisan questions (in which numbers, not reason, prevail) the majority were almost invariably with him. His associates had the fullest confidence in his integrity and never feared a hidden trick behind his advocacy. In his legal practice he excelled as counsellor and preferred to secure an adjustment of differences between parties if possible outside the court room. No one could justly accuse him of looking to his own prospective profits in preference to the best interests of his client. Every cause that he tried before the court, jury or committee, was tried honestly, intelligently, and thoroughly. He lost no case by neglect, neither did he seek to win by unworthy procedure. He advised his clients wisely, served them faithfully, and charged them reasonably. He was a safe model for the young practitioner's imitation. Every dollar that he collected was honestly accounted for to his principals. Every possibility of failure was frankly explained to the expectant litigant. During his professional life there were many young men who studied in his office and under his direction, but no one of them ever deflected from the straight line of professional or personal integrity, by reason of his advice or example, in things great and small.

While a resident of Plymouth, Judge Johnson was married to Miss Catherine Talmadge, daughter of Edwin Talmadge, of Plymouth. Her death in August, 1889, was a shock from which he never rallied, and his rapid decline in health from that time was painfully evident to his friends. Four children were born to this marriage, three of whom are living, Frank E., Katherine (who married Elbert B. Taylor, of Westminster, Md.), and Mary E.

Of these children, FRANK E. JOHNSON was born Jan. 12, 1863, in Hartford, and was educated in the public schools and in Trinity College, having been graduated from the latter in 1884. After this event he studied law for a year, then became secretary of The Loan & Guarantee Co., a position he efficiently filled until 1895, when he succeeded to the presidency of the company and remained as such until 1898. In 1899 he formed a partnership with Capt. N. G. Valentine and purchased the Bairstow Ink Co., which later became the Barber Ink Co., of which Mr. Johnson is president; N. G. Valentine, vice-president; and W. P. Barber, secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen are manufacturers of "Standard" inks and mucilage. Their inks are of a very fine quality for office and copying purposes. They have been tested by the State chemist, and rank with the highest grade made. They also manufacture white paste, ammonia and bluing. The present plant of the company was purchased in March, 1899. They have an extensive trade throughout New England.

Since boyhood Capt. Johnson has been identified with military affairs, and has for years past been extensively and prominently known in such circles throughout the State. He enlisted April 27, 1883, in Company K, First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, was promoted corporal, Feb. 12, 1886; sergeant, March 12, 1889; sergeant-major of the First Regiment, July 22, 1893, and served in such position one year. On July 21, 1894, he was promoted to first lieutenant and battalion adjutant, and on June 20, 1899, was promoted captain and adjutant.

During the Spanish-American war Lieut. Johnson was out with his regiment, serving as first lieutenant and adjutant, Third Battalion, First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, being enrolled May 4, 1898, and mustered into the United States service on May 18, 1898. He was mustered out of the United States service, after an honorable record, Oct. 31, 1898. While in the United States service during the war, Adjutant Johnson

was also acting ordnance officer. His connection with the Connecticut National Guard has been unbroken from his enlistment therein in 1883, he being only on leave of absence therefrom, through grant of the State, while in the United States service. Since 1894 Capt. Johnson has served as adjutant, on the staff of Colonel Edward Schulze, of Hartford, commanding officer of the First Regiment of Connecticut National Guard.

Socially Capt. Johnson is a member of the Colonial Club and of the Hartford Golf Club. He has kept up his membership and interest in his old college Greek letter fraternity—Psi Upsilon. He is a genial fellow, and popular in the community and throughout the State. His religious connections are with Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. He has served, as did his father, as clerk of the church, and in the corner-stone of the new edifice his name appears, as did that of his father in the corner-stone of the old edifice. In the past, for ten or more years, Capt. Johnson was a member of the church choir.

In 1889 Capt. Johnson was married to Miss Mary E. Pattee, of Lebanon, N. H., a daughter of the late Lewis C. Pattee, of that place, but who, with his wife, formerly Rebecca Perley, later was living retired in Winchester, Mass., where Mr. Pattee died on Thanksgiving Day, 1900. Mr. Pattee's other children living are Fred L. and Alice R. To Capt. Johnson and wife was born one child, Harold T. The mother died in 1891.

DAVID DANIEL, one of the proprietors of "The Greater Daniel Stores," No. 76 Trumbull street, Hartford, and Nos. 277-279 Main street, Springfield, Mass., is a native of the State of Mississippi, born April 12, 1871, in the town of Beauregard.

Morris Daniel, his father, came to this country from Prussia when quite young, and was very successful as a merchant in Beauregard, Miss., till a cyclone, in 1883, destroyed the town, an event that convinced him it would be "healthier" to cast what remained of his fortune in the North. Consequently, in 1884, he removed with his family to Philadelphia, Penn., where he embarked in the wholesale shirt manufacturing business, which was soon changed into a retail enterprise. The establishment of three stores was the result, and for many years they prospered under the management of David Daniel and his two brothers. In 1893, the elder Mr. Daniel retiring, and the brother Gustav having engaged in the wholesale clothing business, the subject of this sketch and his brother Harry took up the retail clothing business in the East, David Daniel directing the destinies of the Hartford establishment, the Springfield (Mass.) store being under the controlling influence of his brother Harry. The Hartford store has become famous to all buyers in that vicinity as a convenient emporium for clothing, shoes, hats, etc. When David Daniel commenced his business career he laid down the principle, an iron-clad one, that in every establishment with which his name might be connected spot cash must be the propelling and governing power, and it is not necessary to here dwell upon the advantages such a system gives to the customer. The store at No. 76 Trumbull street is a conspicuous success, and reflects much credit upon the youthful but aggressive mind that planned its course.

In 1892 Mr. Daniel married Miss Katherine Galloway, of Philadelphia, and a handsome little daughter, Pauline, born July 23, 1899, has blessed this union. Mrs. Daniel's parents are still enjoying life's blessings, at an advanced age. Her father, John Galloway, was a member of the famous 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and was breveted several times for conspicuous bravery, besides receiving a medal of honor from the President.

While Mr. Daniel is not essentially a fraternal society man, still he is an active member of Hartford Lodge, No. 88, F. & A. M., of the Hartford Lodge of Elks, of the Hartford Board of Trade, and of the Hartford Business Men's Association.

Mr. Daniel's mother is a sister of the celebrated Southern jurist, the late Hon. Morris Marks, New Orleans. The Daniel family is one of great longevity, our subject's grandparents on both sides having passed more than fourscore milestones on life's journey, and his father and mother both enjoy good health at the age of sixty years.

ERASTUS S. GILBERT. The name of Gilbert has been identified with Connecticut from its early settlement. The first of the name, on this side of the Atlantic, were four brothers, Jonathan, Thomas, Obediah, and Josiah, who came from Devonshire, England, in 1640.

Benjamin Gilbert, great-grandfather of E. S. Gilbert, born Sept. 25, 1737, in West Hartford, died May 21, 1807. On Aug. 21, 1762, he married Anna Butler, who was born Nov. 16, 1745, and died Dec. 1, 1782. Their son Charles, born Jan. 3, 1763, owned a large tract of land in West Hartford. He married, in 1787, Ruth Cadwell, born Oct. 3, 1763, who died March 29, 1823; he died Oct. 7, 1812.

Benjamin Gilbert, son of Charles, and father of E. S. Gilbert, was born Nov. 13, 1791. He came into possession of part of his father's land, and built the house still standing there, just beyond Vanderbilt Hill. He engaged in the market business and also carried on butchering. In 1815 Mr. Gilbert married Rhoda Kellogg Cadwell, born May 27, 1796, and died Aug. 19, 1862. Of their eight children, all are deceased but Seth L. The father attended the Friends meetings held in Quaker Lane. He died Dec. 11, 1868, aged seventy-eight years, and his remains rest in the Quaker burying-ground.

Erastus S. Gilbert was born Feb. 10, 1822, in West Hartford, the fourth child in the family. At the age of eighteen he came to Hartford, to engage in the meat and grocery business on State street, filling a vacancy made by the death of his brother

Benjamin. After continuing there a number of years, he removed to the southern part of the city, where he carried on the same line of trade. By economy, honesty and strict adherence to business principles, coupled with sound judgment and strong will, he accumulated a handsome fortune. The last five years of his life were spent in retirement. Mr. Gilbert, passed away April 15, 1801, at the age of sixty-nine years. He attended the French Church, and later the South Church, in Hartford.

Erastus S. Gilbert married Nov. 16, 1843, Elizabeth Seymour, of Rocky Hill, now known as Fairfield Avenue, and to this union were born two daughters, both of whom survive: E. Louise Bodwell, widow of J. Herbert Bodwell; and Dellie G., wife of John W. Titcomb. Mrs. Gilbert lived to the age of seventy-nine, passing away Jan. 17, 1899.

James Seymour, father of Mrs. Gilbert, born Aug. 20, 1782, married Nov. 2, 1806, Mary Butler, of Wethersfield, who was born June 19, 1785, and died Sept. 28, 1826, aged forty-one years. He died May 30, 1844, aged sixty-two. Of his six children, Elizabeth, who married Erastus S. Gilbert, was the last to pass away.

ANDREW SAMUEL DICKINSON, the owner of one of the best-kept farms in the town of East Windsor, descends from one of the oldest families in New England, but it will suffice the purpose of this sketch to state that his grandfather, John Dickinson, was born, lived and died in Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn. He married Polly Archer, and to their union were born nine children: Amos, who was a sailor of Killingworth; William, who died at Deep River; Mary, Mrs. Ventress, who lived in Haddam; Hettie (Mrs. Williams), whose husband was lost at sea; Ely, who lived in Chester; Nancy, who married Aaron Ayers; Hannah, who with her husband died at Deep River; Sophia, who became Mrs. Asahel Tyler; and Samuel, father of our subject.

Samuel Dickinson was educated in a public school, learned the trade of stone-cutting, and in his alter years became a farmer, though he worked at butchering in the winter season. He married Miss Elizabeth Burr, who was born in May, 1825, and of whose family mention will be made farther on. To this union were born seven children, in the following order: Lydia, who was first married to George Burr, and after his decease was wedded to Joseph Spencer; Andrew S., the subject of this biographical notice; Eleanor, wife of Charles Johnson, of Deep River; George, in Haddam; Mary, married to Merritt Doan, of East Windsor; Hattie, wife of Albert Brainard, of Haddam; and Ellsworth, of the same town. Samuel Dickinson, the father of this family, died in Haddam in 1864, from sickness contracted while serving in the Union army during the Civil war, and his widow is still a resident of that town.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson is a daughter of David and Polly (Blatchley) Burr, and a granddaughter of David Burr, the former of whom served in the war of 1812, under Gen. Brainard, and was at Saybrook during the burning of the town of Essex by the British. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Burr numbered seven, and were born in the following order: Henry, who died in Haddam; Lavina, wife of Darius Skinner; Stephen, who married Fanny Lane; Benjamin, in Haddam; Elizabeth, mother of subject; Lydia, of North Guilford; and Leander, in Middletown.

Andrew S. Dickinson, the subject of this article, was born in Haddam, Nov. 26, 1848, and was educated in a public school. He lived with his parents until fourteen years of age, then worked three years for his uncle Henry Burr, next worked a while at Deep River, then went to sea, and for five years sailed in the Atlantic coast trade, contributing in the meanwhile to the support of his mother, brothers and sisters. On returning home from his sea-faring life, he married at East Windsor, Conn., Oct. 9, 1873, Miss Ida Clark, who was born March 2, 1854, a daughter of John and Eliza (Snow) Clark, natives of East Windsor. Mrs. Eliza Clark passed away in April, 1887, and in June, 1889, Mr. Clark married Libbie Clark. Mr. Dickinson's family consists of seven children: Edna, born July 22, 1874, now the wife of Robert Wood, of East Windsor; Anna, born Oct. 30, 1877, now living in Rockville; John S., born Aug. 18, 1879; Mabel, July 2, 1881; Andrew C., Jan. 5, 1887; Harris C., March 20, 1891; and Imogene, Aug. 14, 1895—all five under the parental roof.

In 1876 Mr. Dickinson purchased his present farm of fifty-seven acres (known as the Capt. Oliver Clark farm), and on this he has made substantial improvements. He has the place under a high state of cultivation, keeps it neat and clean, and it is recognized as a truly up-to-date homestead. Mr. Dickinson and his family worship at the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are regarded as among the most respected residents of the town. In politics Mr. Dickinson is a Democrat, and is very popular with his party, having been elected to the positions of constable and justice of the peace, but in each instance declining to serve. Fraternally he is a member of Central Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., of Middletown, which order he joined in 1872. In 1874 he joined Oriental Lodge, No. 111, Free and Accepted Masons, at Broad Brook, and has held several important offices in the lodge. He is also a member of the Grange. In the business sense of the phrase Mr. Dickinson is emphatically a self-made man, and well deserves the high esteem in which he is universally held.

CHARLES W. EATON, the talented young editor of the Bristol *Daily Journal*, was born Feb. 14, 1869, at Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn., and is a representative of an honored Puritan family, being a descendant of Theophilus Eaton, the first governor of the New Haven colony, who settled at New Haven in 1638.

Joseph Eaton, our subject's grandfather, was born in Stafford, Conn., in December, 1800, and was married in 1821, to Miss Lyman, also a descendant of an old Connecticut family. After his marriage he settled in Bolton, Conn., where he died in 1884. He was a cousin of the late Hon. W. W. Eaton, of Hartford, formerly United States Senator.

Willard B. Eaton, our subject's father, was born at Bolton, March 8, 1843, and served three years as a private in Company H, 16th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war. In 1868 he married Miss Maria T. Warren, and made his home upon a farm at Harwinton, which he had purchased shortly after his return from the army. In 1875 he removed to Bristol where he now resides.

During boyhood Charles W. Eaton attended the public school in District No. 1, Bristol, for about five years regularly, and then he was for some time employed in various factories. In the winter of 1883 he again attended school for a few months, completing the course with the first class to graduate from the common-school course. In 1887 his eyes failed him, probably through excessive reading, and for a year he was unable to carry on any active work. In 1889 he married Miss Lilian A. Woodhull, of Dover, N. J., and settled in Morris county, N. J., where he remained about eight years. For two years he was employed by the Forcite Powder Co., as foreman in their shipping department, and in 1892 he engaged in teaching, which he followed very successfuly for four years. In the meantime he continued his private reading and study, resulting in his receiving the highest first and second grade teachers' certificates ever granted in Morris county. For three summers, beginning with 1894, he was also employed as superintendent by the Hopatcong Steamboat Co., with an office at Landing, N. J. For some time he was connected with the Methodist Church as a local preacher, but the study and research required for that work interfered so seriously with his school duties that he was compelled to withdraw. On Jan. 1, 1897, he returned to Bristol, accepting a position as bookkeeper and expert accountant, and in June, 1898, he assisted in founding the Bristol *Daily Journal*, being appointed editor of the paper and secretary of the Bristol Journal Publishing Co. The campaign of 1896 aroused him to an active interest in politics, and he served as secretary of the Democratic delegation from Morris county, N. J., during the Congressional campaign, and represented Roxbury township at both the County and Congressional conventions. At present he is secretary and treasurer of the Bristol Democratic Club.

In the winter of 1898 Mr. Eaton built a handsome cottage at Fairview Terrace, and since the following April he has resided there with his family, consisting of three children: Alice May, aged eleven years; Grace Lillian, aged eight, and Harold, aged four. He is prominent socially, and is a member of Pequabuck Lodge, I. O. O. F.; E. L. Dunbar Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Morris Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Dover, N. J.; the Bristol Grange; T. B. Robinson Camp, Sons of Veterans; P. C. R. of the Forresters of America; P. C. T. of the Good Templars; past archon of Bristol Conclave, I. O. H., which he represented at the supreme conclave at Buffalo in 1898; and is a member of Brightwood camp, Modern Woodmen, which he represents in the State camp.

Mr. Eaton is at present secretary, treasurer and manager of the Bristol Journal Publishing Co., and editor of the Bristol *Daily Journal*, and of the Forestville *Weekly Journal*. During the campaign of 1900 he was again actively interested in politics as a Democrat, and was unanimously nominated as the candidate for State Senator by the Democrats of the Fourth Senatorial District of Connecticut. He made an active canvass, speaking in most of the towns in the district, but was defeated by Andrew J. Sloper, of New Britain, the Republican candidate, by a majority of 1,851, although his vote exceeded that of the Democratic National ticket in all of the fourteen precincts in the district, except two wards in New Britain.

Mr. Eaton also maintains an active interest in religious matters, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Forestville, Connecticut.

HENRY BARNARD, LL. D., the veteran educator and editor, whose death occurred July 5, 1900, in Hartford, in the house in which he was born eighty-nine years before, was well known throughout this country and Europe in connection with the common schools, and in his death Connecticut lost one of her most distinguished sons—a man whose whole life was one strenuous effort to better his kind.

Mr. Barnard was born Jan. 24, 1811, coming of a family which had lived in Hartford from its first settlement. He attended the district schools of his boyhood, and was graduated with high honors from Yale College in 1830. He began reading law in the office of Hon. Willis Hall, afterward attorney-general of New York, and W. H. Hungerford, of Hartford. He was admitted to the Bar in 1835. He had also pursued a course of general reading, and early gained a broad knowledge of ancient and modern literature. He was a member of the Connecticut Legislature from 1837 to 1840, and there advocated various reforms, chief among them in the common schools. For four years prior to 1842, when the Board of Commissioners for Common Schools was abolished, he was its efficient and zealous secretary. It had been through his efforts that this board—which introduced school-houses of improved construction, high schools, teachers' institutes, a normal academy and new methods of instruction—had been revived. In 1843 he became superintendent of education in Rhode Island, filling the position until 1849. From 1850 to 1859 he was superintendent of the Connecticut State schools. By this time he

was considered one of the ablest living educators, and Thomas Rainey, editor of the Ohio *Journal*, wrote in 1852: "He has done more than any other ten men in New England for education." From 1857 to 1859 Dr. Barnard was president of the State University of Wisconsin; in 1865 and 1866 of St. John's College, at Annapolis, Md. He was United States Commissioner of Education from 1867 to 1870. During the incumbency as secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Common Schools he established the Connecticut *Common School Journal*, and while in Rhode Island (1845-49) he edited the *Journal of the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction*. In 1855 he began the publication of the *American Journal of Education*, a quarterly, which has been the medium of bringing out a series of educational tracts and treatises, which constitute a library of education of fifty-two volumes, of 500 pages each, containing over 800 titles, making it the largest issue of such a character in print.

Dr. Barnard published numerous reports, documents and other writings, historical and biographical, bearing on the general subject of education. He was the first United States Commissioner of Education, and the great organizer of the public school system of this country, and every home in the land feels the impress of his work.

BURR KELLOGG FIELD, in whose death at his home in Berlin, Conn., Jan. 13, 1898, there passed away in the prime of a most active, busy and useful life to the community in which he lived, one of the guiding spirits of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., of which he had been the vice-president for nearly a decade, was a representative of one of the old and prominent New England families.

The history of the Field family is traced back to the year 823 to Wottelsheim, near Colmar in Alsace-Lorraine, formerly in France, until the Franco-Prussian war, and now in Germany. The name was originally De la Feld, and it was at their castle near Colmar that they entertained Pope Leo the Ninth and his court while on their way to consecrate the cathedral at Strasburg. Sir Hubertus De la Feld went to England with William the Conqueror in 1066, and for his services at the battle of Hastings, in which the Norman chieftain fought the decisive battle, was granted lands in that country. For years the name was De la Feld, but owing to the wars between France and England, in the fourteenth century, the former prefix was dropped by one branch of the family and the name became Feld, Feild, and Field. The other branch changed the name from De la Feld to Delafield. The history of the family is farther traced through England to America, where emigrant ancestors settled in Massachusetts, New York, Long Island, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia. It is extremely doubtful if another family in America has produced as many illustrious descendants as the Field family.

Mr. Field, the subject proper of this sketch, was born May 5, 1856, at Auburn, Ind., a son of Francis Kellogg and Frances A. (Burr) Field, and a descendant in the ninth generation from Robert Field, the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the American Fields, who was in the third generation, through William and William (2), from John Fields of Horton, parish of Bradford, England. Robert Field, baptized in 1605, came to New England with Winthrop and Saltonstall in 1630, was at Newport, R. I., from 1638 to 1645, patentee of Flushing, L. I., in the latter year, and a proprietor of Newtown in 1655. He, in 1630, at Bradford, married (second) Elizabeth Taylor.

From this Robert Field the late Burr K. Field's line of descent is through Anthony, Benjamin, Anthony (2), John, John (2), Stephen and Francis K. Field.

(II) Anthony Field, son of Robert the emigrant, was of Flushing as early as 1657. He was named in the patents of the town in 1666 and 1685, and married Sussannah ———.

(III) Benjamin Field, son of Anthony, married (first), in 1691, Hannah, daughter of John Bowne, of Flushing.

(IV) Anthony Field (2), son of Benjamin, born in 1698, in Flushing, married, in 1730, Hannah, daughter of William Berling, of Flushing, and removed to Westchester county, New York.

(V) John Field, son of Anthony (2), married, in 1763, Lydia, daughter of William Hazard, of Jamestown, and lived in Westchester county, New York.

(VI) John Field (2), son of John, born in 1766, married, in 1786, Fannie Perry, a sister of Commodore Perry, of Lake Erie fame.

(VII) Stephen Field, son of John (2), born in 1794, at Ferrisburg, Vt., married at Troy, N. Y., in 1825, Frances Bonton Kellogg, born in 1801, at Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Field died in 1850, at Chagres, New Grenada, and Mrs. Field died in 1829, at Montreal, Lower Canada, now Province of Quebec, Canada. Mr. Field was a very energetic and successful business man. At one time he owned and controlled all the tanneries in Lower Canada, and was there estimated to be worth £75,000.

Francis Kellogg Field, son of Stephen, and the father of the late Burr K. Field, born March 13, 1829, in Montreal, L. C., married Oct. 14, 1854, at Auburn, Ind., Frances A. Burr, who was born in Rapides Parish, La., daughter of Platt Burr, a prominent physician of that place, and Frances, daughter of Josiah Danforth, a prominent man in public affairs, who at one time served on the staff of one of the governors of Massachusetts [?], and was a member of the Society of Cincinnati.

Francis K. Field was educated in the Rensselaer Polytechnical School at Troy, N. Y., from which he was graduated when only fifteen years of age. His young years prevented his receiving a diploma at that time, although he was thoroughly proficient

in the art of civil engineering. At that period the school was under the direction of Prof. Eaton, who was very much interested in the bright boy. From the time of his leaving school at fifteen, until he was twenty-one years of age, young Field was engaged in mercantile business in Ulster county, N. Y. He took up his profession and followed it for a time, when he again engaged in business, this time in that of quarrying stone on the Hudson river, a business in which he was quite successful. In 1873 he returned to his profession, and from 1880 to 1885 his field of operation was in Colorado. Returning to the East in 1885, he became connected with the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., performing clerical work and as a salesman, and has continued in the employ of that corporation from that time to this, which speaks for itself of of his fidelity to duty and his efficiency in his field of labor. Mr. Field in his religious connections is a member of the Episcopal Church. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

To Francis K. Field and Frances A. Burr were born children as follows: Burr Kellogg, born May 5, 1856, Ellen Mary married Newton F Hawley, a promising attorney of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Walter Danforth, born Nov. 10, 1864, who was a chemist and connected with a large drug house in Newark, N. J., and died when thirty-six years of age. He made much original investigation, and his work on "explosives" has been quoted as authority by German writers.

Burr Kellogg Field, son of Francis K., and the subject proper of this sketch, was reared and attended private school at Livingston Manor-on-Hudson, where his father's family removed when he was an infant. He was prepared for college at Sing Sing, N. Y., and was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale in the class of 1877, with the degree of C. E. He soon after entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., remaining several years, then became engaged with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, and still later with the Northern Pacific, and was present at its completion and witnessed the driving of the golden spike. Subsequently he was assistant superintendent of public works at Philadelphia, and there entered into communication with C. M. Jarvis (Mr. Field graduated as high stand man from Yale in class of 1877, and was a classmate of Mr. Jarvis), and when he requested him to ally his forces with him in the enterprise in East Berlin, Conn., in 1886, he at once accepted, became most energetically connected with the enterprise, and for nine years prior to his death was its vice-president, and at the time of his death had full control of all contracts made by the company in all parts of the world. He played a conspicuous part in developing the business of that corporation. He was a man of great energy, an indefatigable worker and successful in his undertakings. His position with the Iron Bridge Works brought him in contact with many of the most important business firms of the country, and upon them he made the impression that he was not only a man of truth and integrity, but that he was a man of rare sweetness of disposition and beauty of character. That which was mean or low or impure found no response in his nature. The charm of his personality was great, as was attested by the expressions of those closely associated with him in the contact of daily intercourse, whether as equals or subordinates, or as mere acquaintances.

As a citizen, Mr. Field was ever active in promoting that which was for the best interests of his community. No good move was refused his support, and to many lines of effort he gave more than his share of time and strength, his great interest in all the improvements of the village life being worthy of comment, and it was very much through his labor that the Village Library and the Worthington School came into existence, he raising the money for the commencement of each. So it was in his relation to the church. He was a member of the Berlin Congregational Church, and was interested in all of its activities. His great business cares, with all their demands on his time and strength, did not deter him from a faithful and active participation in the life of the church. He was a sincere, humble, trusting, consistent Christian, and this was the secret of his rare attainments. The death of Mr. Field removed one of the ablest and most genial business men in the State of Connecticut. He was an indefatigable worker not only in his business, but in every walk of life—a stanch and devoted friend. A friend once said of him: "Think of what is true and earnest—he stood for that; think of what is tender and sympathetic—he exemplified that. From whatever standpoint of life we view his life, as a business man, a citizen, a member of the church, a friend or the head of a family, we behold one who stood for what was best and true in all these." He affiliated with many societies, and stood high in Freemasonry, being of the 32d degree. On Feb. 18, 1891, he joined the S. A. R.

On May 5, 1886, Mr. Field was married to Juanita A. Bourland, daughter of Dr. A. M. Bourland and Elizabeth (Williams) Bourland, of Van Buren, Ark., the former of whom has practiced medicine nearly fifty years. He is a descendant of the Randolph, Lee and Jefferson families. There is a tradition in the family that the family name is derived from the French. His great-grandfather, John Bourland, came to America from Londonderry, Ireland, and originally from Scotland.

DAVID E. STRONG, deceased. One of the chief benefits of biography is to illustrate the possibilities of life, to present the opportunities which lie in the future of every young man, and to thus keep bright the flame of earnest endeavor which is the winning quality in the world's advancing civilization. The avenues by which prominence and competence are attained are varied. The youth who

cultivates and practices the traits of industry, thrift and prudence may confidently look forward to a serene old age. But at times affluence comes on swifter wing. The sagacious business man, who invests wisely, may wrest fortune in shorter time. Within the span of twenty years the battle was fought and won by the subject of this sketch. Between the years of thirty and fifty he achieved his success.

Mr. Strong was born in Hebron, Conn., July 29, 1849, son of Judson and Jerusha (Strong) Strong. His paternal grandfather, David Strong, was a farmer of Hebron; his maternal grandfather, Ebenezer Strong, of Bolton. Judson Strong, the father, was a farmer and joiner of Hebron. He died at Springfield, Mass., in 1898, and was buried in Cedar Hill cemetery, Hartford. His wife, Jerusha, survives, residing with her son Judson, in Springfield, Mass. There were two sons: David E., our subject; and Judson, Jr., a real-estate dealer, and proprietor of the "Russell House," Springfield, Massachusetts.

David E. Strong spent his boyhood days at Hebron, where he attended the district schools. At the age of eighteen years he began work as a joiner at Meriden, Conn., remaining eighteen months. At the age of twenty-one years he went to East Hartford, and for four years followed carpentering with Joseph Clark. Returning to Hebron, he erected in partnership with his father a steam sawmill, which they conducted for four years. In 1877, at the age of twenty-eight, Mr. Strong came to Hartford, and embarked in a new venture. He engaged in the shoe business with his brother Judson E. Strong, fitting up the store at No. 247 Main street, then opposite the post-office, and launched out in what proved a most prosperous career. Later his brother sold out to him, and retired from the business. In 1878 our subject leased in addition to the store in the Cheney block, holding the old lease until he had drawn away to his new place of business most of his trade. Mr. Strong devoted himself assiduously to his enterprise, and succeeded beyond expectation. He did not, however, permit business to absorb his entire time and attention. He maintained his social position among his townspeople, and enjoyed life as it passed.

Mr. Strong married Miss Emma J. Kenyon, of Bloomfield, daughter of Edward Kenyon, and two years later he purchased from William Miller the beautiful home at No. 103 Washington street, Hartford, which was ever after the family residence. To Mr. and Mrs. Strong was born one son, David Kenyon. Mrs. Strong died Aug. 5, 1892. During the closing years of her life her health gradually failed. No effort nor expense was spared to ward off the grim destroyer, and, when her case was finally given up as hopeless, the tenderness with which her declining steps were watched and guarded was a subject remarked among those who enjoyed the family acquaintance.

In 1899, before he had passed his fiftieth mile post, Mr. Strong retired from active business, and was yet in the prime of life, in robust health, well fitted to enjoy the fruits of his labor and enterprise, when he passed away, March 7, 1900, his death occurring at the home on Washington street, above mentioned, which he continued to maintain after the death of his wife. He did not turn his retirement into listless inactivity. The management of his large real-estate investment engaged his attention. Soon after purchasing his Washington street property he built a two-story tenement house there, and later he purchased a plot from the Newton Carter estate, on Church street, where he erected a fine apartment house. He owned three other properties on the same street—all profitable investments.

Mr. Strong had an early fondness for horses, and with his business success came the opportunity to gratify his tastes in this direction. His stable was a model of neatness, and had from time to time been occupied by a much better average of horses than are usually found in private stables. Some of his stock has successfully campaigned during the last half dozen years. Mr. Strong was a prominent member of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, and was also a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., Colchester, Connecticut.

WILLIAM RUSSELL CONE, who passed away Jan. 10, 1890, at his home in Washington street, Hartford, was for nearly sixty years a resident of the city, and for a long time one of its most prominent citizens, identified with its practical philanthropies and its business interests, and an active force in its affairs in many ways. His death left vacant a long row of positions of trust and honor. He was the oldest member of the Hartford City Bar.

The Cone family is an old and prominent one in Connecticut, and several members thereof, closely related to the late William R., Sylvanus F. and Deacon Joseph E. Cone, of Hartford, have figured in the professional and mercantile history of that city through two-thirds of a century. The American ancestor of this branch of the family was Daniel Cone, who with three sons—Daniel, Jared and Stephen—came in 1651 to this country from Edinburgh, Scotland, the voyage being made in the ship "John and Sarah." They located first at a point in Massachusetts, where was born another son, Caleb, thence in 1657 removing to Haddam, Conn. From there, in 1685, they came to East Haddam, which locality became the permanent home of many of their descendants. Daniel Cone, Sr., was born in 1626 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and died in 1706, in Haddam. He was one of the original twenty-eight who took up the land which had been purchased for them in 1662 for twenty-eight coats, from the Indians, and is now a part of the county of Middlesex. His second wife was the widow of Richard Walkley, of Haddam.

William R. Cone was born June 22, 1810, in East Haddam, son of Joseph W. (a properous farmer and prominent citizen of that town) and Mehetabel S. (Swan) Cone, who died March 4, 1848, aged seventy-three, and Sept. 11, 1849, aged seventy-one, respectively. Both are buried in the cemetery at West Hartford Center. William R. Cone prepared for college first under Rev. Isaac Parsons, of East Haddam, and later at Hopkins Grammar School, Hartford, and entered Yale College in 1826, graduating in 1830, in the same class with Hon. Henry Barnard, of Hartford, with the late Prof. Elias Loomis, Rev. Ray Palmer and Anthony Dumond Stanley. Mr. Cone was for a period secretary of the class, had entertained his classmates in Hartford, and always maintained a lively interest in the college. He studied in Yale Law School under Chief Justice Daggett and Prof. Hitchcock, admitted to the Bar in 1832, and came to Hartford, where he went into partnership with William Hungerford, also a native of East Haddam, and then regarded as the most learned lawyer in the State, and with the largest practice in the highest courts.

To the firm thus formed Mr. Cone brought a rare vigor of mind and great industry, and soon became noted for the thoroughness of his preparation of the cases committed to him. He took special charge of the business of the firm, leaving mainly to Mr. Hungerford the argument of the causes in the court. The firm of Hungerford & Cone became a famous one, and had for a quarter of a century the largest and most important and lucrative practice in the State. In 1860 the partners retired from practice, with handsome fortunes, though the partnership was continued in the ownership of property until Mr. Hungerford's death, in 1873. These gentlemen really inaugurated the rebuilding of Hartford. The Trust Co. building, of Portland stone, corner of Main street and Central row, was formerly "Hungerford & Cone's block." When they built it, in 1857, it was the finest structure in Hartford.

After his retirement from practice Mr. Cone devoted himself to the care of his own large financial interests, and to others which were entrusted to him. He always had the public confidence as a man of integrity and trustworthiness, as well as of sound practical judgment and sagacity, and his counsel in financial matters was regarded as of great value. He was from its organization a director of the Ætna Bank, and from 1869 to 1887 was its president. He was also a director in the Ætna Fire Insurance Co., the Hartford Carpet Co. (of which he was one of the reorganizers), the Security Co., and the Connecticut River Railroad Co., and a trustee of the Society for Savings; also president of the board of managers of the Retreat for the Insane, of the trustees of the Watkinson Library, and of the Wadsworth Athenæum, and was deeply interested in the Free Library plans, to which he early forwarded his subscription for a handsome amount. He had been associated with other important institutions, but in his later years had been inclined to limit the calls upon his time and strength.

Mr. Cone had no liking for public life, and would never accept a nomination to political office; had also declined a seat upon the Superior Court. From his early residence in Hartford he had been a member of the Center Congregational Church in that city.

In 1833 Mr. Cone married Rebecca D. Brewster, daughter of James Brewster, then a prominent carriage manufacturer of New Haven, and a direct descendant of the Elder Brewster of New England history. She died four months after his death, and left three surviving children: James B. Cone, of Hartford, who graduated at Yale College in 1857; Henrietta, wife of the Rev. Louis A. Lampher, an Episcopal clergyman then settled in Wethersfield, in this State; and Alice, wife of the Rev. A. Delgarno Robbinson, a clergyman of the English Church.

ADAM CLARKE CORSON, M. D., whose death occurred Oct. 6, 1873, though a young man and only known to the profession a few years, had so conducted himself as to win the esteem and respect of, and be beloved by, all who knew him.

Dr. Corson was born Jan. 20, 1839, at Dumfries, Canada. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1865, then served for two and one-half years as a surgeon in the United States army. He practiced medicine in Hartford from 1868 until his death, in 1873, and had in that short time, through his tact, energy and force, established a good practice. He was a member of the State Medical Society, also of the Hartford Medical Society, and on his death the latter passed appropriate resolutions, in which a fitting tribute of respect was paid to his memory, showing their appreciation of his professional character and friendship, as did also the Medical Library Association. At his funeral, which took place at the residence of the late Hon. William Russell Cone, on Washington street, there was a large concourse of people, the Medical society attending in a body.

On Aug. 27, 1867, Dr. Corson was married to Miss Henrietta, daughter of the late Hon. William R. Cone, of Hartford, and to them were born children as follows: Alice Brewster, June 23, 1868; William Russell Cone, Feb. 18, 1870; and Aimee Freeland, Oct. 20, 1871.

EDWIN HOLMES MUNGER, D. D. S., a well-known dentist of Hartford, is descended in several lines from old New England settlers. The first paternal ancestor of whom we have record is Nicholas Munger, who when sixteen years old came over with William Chittenden. It is supposed he lived in Guilford, as the Chittendens settled there. On June 2,, 1659, he was married to Sarah Hall.

Sylvester Munger, grandfather of our subject, was born in Guilford, Conn., thence moving to Essex, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died at the age of seventy. He was a carpenter by occupation. He married Eliza Smith, and they had four children: Charles S., the Doctor's father; Mrs. G. W. Pratt, of Essex; Sarah, who died Dec. 23, 1900, unmarried; and Gurdon S., also of Essex. The parents were members of the Congregational Church.

Charles S. Munger was born in October, 1835, in Essex, where he was reared, receiving his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he went to sea, following the water until 1861, and rising in his calling until he was captain of a merchantman. After 1865 he returned to Essex, where from 1874 to 1887 he was postmaster. Subsequently, for a time, he was a merchant for Miner & Co., and in January, 1898, moved to West Hartford, where he still resides. He is at present engaged in the office of the Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford. Mr. Munger served as representative from Essex in the State Legislature in 1888. He is a Republican. He married, July 25, 1861, Miss Ellen H. Denison, who was born March 22, 1839, daughter of Selden S. and Mary (Allen) Denison, and five children have been born to them, four of whom are living: Harry H., a machinist in Meriden; Frank D., who is superintendent of the Registry Department in the Hartford post office; Edwin H.; and Mary E., wife of Edgar Lane, of Glastonbury. Mr. and Mrs. Munger are members of the Congregational Church.

Edwin Holmes Munger was born Aug. 13, 1869, in Essex, and received his early education in the public schools of that town, later studying with the late Dr. F. A. Shailer, of Essex. In 1892 he graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College, and won the only honor which the school bestows upon its graduates, a special certificate upon anæsthesia and anæsthetics. Dr. Munger began the practice of his profession in New Hartford, Conn., immediately graduating, in 1893 opened a branch office in Collinsville, and in January, 1899, moved to West Hartford, and opened his office in Hartford in the Sage-Allen building. He enjoys a lucrative practice, won by skillful and careful attention to his patrons. Dr. Munger is a member of the Hartford Dental Society, and of the Connecticut State Dental Association. He early became associated in different branches of church work. Among other offices which he held was that of president of the Winsted Christian Endeavor Union. He is a member of the First Church of Christ (Congregational) in West Hartford, and active in its different departments of work; is a member of the Connecticut Congregational Club; and an officer in the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union. Socially the Doctor is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Through his mother Dr. Munger is descended from William Denison, who was born in England about 1586, came to America in 1631, and settled in Roxbury, Mass. He brought with him his wife, Margaret, and three sons, Daniel, Edward and George, and John Eliot, who seems to have been a tutor in his family. Mr. Eliot became pastor of the church in Roxbury, and also did missionary work among the Indians. Mr. Denison was a deacon in the Roxbury Church. He had been liberally educated, and his sons were carefully trained also. He died in Roxbury Jan. 25, 1653, his wife on Feb. 23, 1645.

(II) George Denison, born in 1618, married Bridget Thompson in 1640. He lived in Stonington, Connecticut.

(III) John Denison, born July 14, 1646, married Phebe Lay Nov. 26, 1667. He was a resident of Stonington.

(IV) John Denison, Jr., born Jan. 1, 1669, married in 1690 Ann Mason. He lived in Saybrook.

(V) Daniel Denison, born Oct. 13, 1693, married Mehitabel Foster in 1728. They lived in Saybrook.

(VI) Ebenezer Denison, born in 1731, married Lydia Williams, and lived in Essex.

(VII) Wells Denison, born in March, 1765, married Jedidiah Tyler, of Haddam, Feb. 14, 1790.

(VIII) Selden S. Denison, born in September, 1809, was married May 12, 1830, to Mary Allen, a native of Windham, Conn., born April 30, 1809, who died at the age of sixty-three. He was proprietor of a hotel in Essex until his death, which occurred when he was a young man of twenty-five. They had two children, only one, Ellen H., Mrs. Charles S. Munger, now living. The parents were members of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Munger, on the maternal side also, traces his ancestry to the Tracy family, the genealogy of which has been traced by one member back to the year 956, and by another to the third century. Lieut. Thomas Tracy, the first of the line in America, was born in 1610 on the Tewkesbury estates, son of Sir Paul Tracy, baronet, of Stanway Courts, Gloucestershire, England. In 1836 he came to America, locating in Salem, and in February, 1637, removed to Wethersfield, later to Saybrook. He married Mary Mason, and our subject is a descendant of their son Thomas, who was born in 1644. Jeremiah Tracy, son of Thomas, married Mary Witter. Their son, Andrew Tracy, married Ruth Smith.

Ebenezer Tracy, eldest son of Andrew and Ruth (Smith) Tracy, was born April 20, 1744, presumably in Lisbon, Conn., as the following inscription is found on the gravestone of his son Ebenezer, in the old Windham cemetery: "son of Col. Ebenezer Tracy, of Lisbon." However, there is no record of the place of his birth or death. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and many of his chairs are still in existence. According to family tradition and genealogical records Ebenezer Tracy was a colonel, but whether he served as such in the war of the Revolution or in the militia, after the war, is not known. The record at the State Adjutant's office

of the State of Connecticut shows that Ebenezer Tracy served as sergeant in Capt. Thomas Wheeler's Company, Col. Samuel Chapman's Regiment, Brig.-Gen. John Tyler's Brigade of Militia, State of Connecticut. In "Connecticut Men of the Revolution," page 534, is found the following: "Sergeant Ebenezer Tracy entered service Aug. 3rd, discharged Sept. 12th, in Col. Sam'l. Chapman's Regiment of Militia, 1778." In August, 1778, a body of militia under Brig.-Gen. John Tyler served under Gen. Sullivan, and engaged in the attempt to dislodge the British at Newport. It was present at the battle of Rhode Island Aug. 29, 1778. "Company commanded by Sam'l. Chapman, Esq., Col. of Foot, Gen. Tyler's Brigade of Militia, State of Connecticut, under the command of the Honorable Major-Gen. Sullivan in Newport Expedition, State of Rhode Island, in Aug. and Sept. 1778."

On May 15, 1765, Col. Ebenezer Tracy married Mary Freeman, who was a descendant of Elder Brewster, of the "Mayflower." He died March 10, 1803, aged fifty-nine years. Their daughter, Lydia, born Dec. 20, 1775, was married Aug. 18, 1796, to Amos D. Allen, and their daughter, Mary Allen, married Selden S. Denison, our subject's maternal grandfather.

HARMON GEORGE HOWE, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Hartford, is a native of the State of Vermont, born Sept. 3, 1850, in Jericho, son of Lucian B. and Clarissa J. (Galusha) Howe.

Dr. Howe's paternal ancestors were early settlers in Vermont, and he is descended from the Bliss family, who went to that State from Litchfield county, Conn., in 1760. Among his mother's ancestors were Capt. Thomas Chittenden, of Chester, Conn., the first governor of Vermont, and Gov. Martin Chittenden. The Galushas were also people of note among the pioneers of Vermont.

Harmon G. Howe, the subject of this review, acquired his primary education in the Essex Classical Institute, at Essex, Vt. He began his professional training in 1870, in the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, and completed it at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1875. Previous to this Dr. Howe had spent some time in the Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, and was assistant superintendent of Sanford Hall, Flushing, L. I., for over a year, under Dr. J. B. Barstow. He was subsequently assistant at the Retreat for Insane, Hartford, under Dr. H. P. Stearns, for about the same length of time. In May, 1876, he settled permanently in Hartford, where he has since been engaged in continuous practice, his clientele being now one of the largest in the city. Dr. Howe has been a visiting surgeon of the Hartford Hospital for nearly twenty years, and for the past eleven years has been a member of the executive committee of that institution. For nine years he was surgeon of the 1st Regiment, National Guard of Connecticut, having served two years previously as assistant surgeon on the staff of Col. Lucius Barbour. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Society, the County Medical Society, and the City Medical Society, and finds time amidst the exacting requirements of a busy professional life to enjoy memberships in the Colonial Club, the Republican Club and the Scientific Club of Hartford, also the Country Club of Farmington. Although a stanch Republican in his political views, Dr. Howe has no taste or time for public offices, and has never held any, his energies being fully devoted to his profession.

Dr. Howe is a great reader, and an enthusiastic student of art, and at his beautiful home on High street has a valuable and unique art collection, while his library, mainly composed of medical works, is one of the best in Hartford. The Doctor is a devoted angler, and an enthusiastic member of the St. Bernard Fishing Club, of Canada, of which there are four other members in Hartford, and a part of his vacation each year is spent in trout fishing at the Club's headquarters in Quebec. He has a summer cottage at Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire.

In April, 1876, Dr. Howe was married to Harriet M., daughter of L. M. Stevens, of Jericho, Vt., and three children have blessed the union: Frances Bliss; Horace Stevens, a student at Yale; and Lucia, who died in infancy. Mrs. Howe is well known in connection with the work carried on by the Fourth Congregational Church, in which she is very much interested, and where she is an influential member. The Doctor is a member of the South Baptist Church of Hartford.

TUTTLE FAMILY. There now reside in Hartford, New Haven, and elsewhere in Connecticut and in other New England States, descendants in the ninth generation from William Tuttle, who founded the family in America about 265 years ago.

William Tuttle migrated from England to America in 1635, in the "Planter." He settled at Charlestown, Mass., where he remained several years, and in 1639 removed to the Quinnipiack Colony, in Connecticut. In 1641 he was the owner of the house lot of Edward Hopkins, who had erected a house on the lot and soon after removed to Hartford, where he (Hopkins) became governor of Connecticut and founder of the grammar school which bears his name. The lot was on the square bounded by Grove, State, Elm and Church streets. William Tuttle had a family of twelve children, as follows: John, Hannah, Thomas, Jonathan, David, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth, Simon, Benjamin, Mercy and Nathaniel. The line of descent from William Tuttle to Albert George and Charles Loomis Tuttle, of the ninth generation, their brother, Lucius Tuttle, president of the Boston & Maine Railway Co., and Mary A. Tuttle, is as follows:

(II) Jonathan Tuttle, baptized at Charles-

town, Mass., July 8, 1637, married Rebecca, daughter of Lieut. Francis Bell, of Stamford. She was born in August, 1643, and died May 2, 1676. Jonathan Tuttle in 1670 settled at North Haven, and built the bridge which there spanned the Quinnipiack river. His six children were: Rebecca, Mary, Jonathan, Simon, William and Nathaniel.

(III) William Tuttle, son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Bell) Tuttle, was born May 5, 1673. He became a member of the church in 1707. He married Mary Abernatha, and their eleven children were: Aaron, Moses, Mary, Ezekiel, Abel, Susanna, Lydia, Jemima, Haniah, William, and Daniel.

(IV) Aaron Tuttle was born Nov. 25, 1698, and died in 1765. He was one of the founders of the Episcopal Society at Wallingford, Conn., and was one of the thirteen who in 1729 sent a letter to the Bishop of London. To himself and his wife, Mary, were born eleven children: Jude, Deborah, Abel, Aaron, Mary, Eleazer, Ithamar, Aaron (2), Eleazer, Rachel, and Isaac.

(V) Jude Tuttle married Aug. 16, 1748, Lydia Atwater, born April 3, 1729, daughter of Caleb and Abigail (Bradley) Atwater. In 1748 he also received from his father a deed of land in "Blue Hills," New Haven county. His six children were: Hezekiah, born May 20, 1749; Eunice, July 19, 1751; Ruth, Oct. 24, 1753; Mary, July 20, 1758; Aaron, Oct. 4, 1760; and Jude, March 7, 1763.

(VI) Hezekiah Tuttle, born May 20, 1749, became a captain of militia. He married, March 19, 1770, Mary Turner, who was born April 5, 1754, daughter of James Turner. Their seven children were: Jesse, born March 8, 1771; Eli, March 1, 1775; Elam, July 30, 1777; Caleb Atwater, Nov. 18, 1779; Lydia, March 4, 1783; Asahel, Aug. 27, 1787; and Miles, Sept. 3, 1792.

(VII) Caleb Atwater Tuttle, born Nov. 18, 1779, was married at North Haven to Sally Reed. He was engaged in farming in the towns of Hartford and South Windsor. Children: George, Elam, Sarah, Wealthy A., Laura, Alfred, and Frances.

(VIII) George Tuttle, son of Caleb Atwater and Sally (Reed) Tuttle, was born July 14, 1807, in Hartford, Conn., where he spent his early school days and was a lifelong farmer in that town. He filled a number of local offices, including those of selectman and assessor. In early life he was a Whig in politics, becoming a Republican upon the organization of the party. He married, Jan. 8, 1832, at Bloomfield, Conn., Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Gaylord) Loomis. She died May 27, 1874. George Tuttle died in March, 1885. The five children of George and Mary (Loomis) Tuttle were as follows: Mary A., born Jan. 5, 1833, now housekeeper at the Retreat, Hartford; Albert George, a sketch of whose life appears below; William Henry, born Sept. 16, 1840, who was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company B, 25th Conn. V. I., and died in the service Nov. 11, 1862; Charles Loomis, (see below); and Lucius, who was born March 11, 1846. The last named is now a resident of Boston, Mass., and is president of the Boston & Maine Railroad Co. For his first wife he married, at Springfield, Mass., July 11, 1867, Etta F. Martin, by whom he had three children: Edith M., born Jan. 26, 1869, died Sept. 22, 1871; Jennie Downing, born July 17, 1870; and Etta, born in 1874. For his second wife Lucius Tuttle married Miss Estella Martin, a cousin of his first wife, and by this marriage has one daughter, Effie E.

Albert George Tuttle was born in the town of Hartford May 24, 1834. His early education was obtained in the school house located on Prospect Hill, Hartford. In his earlier years he was engaged in farming, but while yet a young man he was appointed agent of the Adams Express Co. at Hartford, a position which he filled seven years. Later he became messenger between Hartford and Boston. In 1863 he was appointed agent of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co., and in 1865 was promoted to the position of general freight agent of that road, an office which he filled until 1878. From 1878 to 1887 he was assistant general freight agent of the New England road, and since the latter date has served continuously as special freight agent of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., with office at New Haven, Conn. Mr. Tuttle was married, at West Hartford, Conn., in September, 1855, to Elizabeth Briggs, daughter of Josiah Briggs. She died in 1869, the mother of three children: Mamie, who was born in 1861, and died in 1863; William Henry, born in June, 1864, died in August, 1885; and Bertha, born in 1864, died in 1868. For his second wife Albert G. Tuttle married, in October, 1872, Julia, daughter of Benjamin Sprague, of Andover, Conn. By this marriage there is one daughter, Alice Gracia, born July 22, 1885.

Charles Loomis Tuttle was born in Hartford Oct. 18, 1842. He was reared in that town, there received his education, and has always been one of its prominent agricultural residents, having farmed all his life; since 1868 he has been engaged in the milk business. He is a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Tuttle married, Jan. 4, 1865, Miss Elizabeth Utley, daughter of Henry Utley, of Hartford, and to them have been born four children, three of whom survive: Ida Louisa, born Sept. 12, 1867, died Aug. 25, 1868; Clara Elizabeth was born May 28, 1869; Robert C., April 8, 1875; and Harry U., Feb. 20, 1877. Mr. Tuttle is a Republican in political faith.

RICHARD J. DILLON, a general and popular caterer, owner of the railroad restaurants at Hartford, New Haven, New London and Saybrook, is of Hartford birth, having been born in that city July 16, 1852.

James Dillon, grandfather of our subject, was

born in the Parish of Ballymore, County Westmeath, Ireland, was a carpenter by trade, and made several voyages to America. Here he spent some years among his children, dying in Hartford at the advanced age of eighty-four years. By his wife Catherine (Evans), a native of the same parish, he had eight children, seven of whom came to America. She died in Hartford, aged about eighty-three years.

Richard Dillon, father of Richard J., was also a native of Ireland, born in about 1810, in the same parish as his father, and in May, 1830, came to the United States in a sailing vessel, the voyage occupying twenty-one weeks, and on his arrival at New York he came direct to Hartford. Here for a time he served in the capacity of coachman, later that of watchman for Woodruff & Beach. In 1875 he embarked in the grocery business in Hartford along with his sons James D. and Richard J., under the firm name of R. Dillon & Sons, which continued until the death of the father. He was a successful and highly respected citizen, was classed among the old residents of the city, and was a kind and very devoted husband and father, his aim in life being to see his children prosperous. In 1842 he married Mary Keenan, born in the Parish of Ballymore, County Westmeath, Ireland, and they had a family of fourteen children, three of whom are yet living: James D., Richard J. and Edward. The father of this numerous family died in 1886 at the age of seventy-six years, the mother in May, 1891, aged seventy-eight. They were members and liberal supporters of the Catholic Church.

Richard J. Dillon received his education at the Brown school in Hartford, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist with the firm of Woodruff & Beach, at the end of four years abandoning the life of a mechanic for that of store keeper. In 1875, as already related, he entered the grocery business in Hartford along with his father and brother James D., in which he continued seven years, at the end of that time selling his interest to his father. In 1882 he purchased the restaurant at the railroad station, Hartford, in two years thereafter buying the restaurants at Saybrook and Fenwick Grove railroad stations, after five years discontinuing the latter, on the termination of the lease thereof. In 1888 he opened a restaurant at the New London station; in 1889 purchased the restaurant at the New Haven station, and has since conducted all four. In 1890 the present large handsome station at Hartford was built, and here Mr. Dillon has a fine lunch counter, also a dining room capable of seating fifty people. His New Haven lunch counter seats one hundred people, and his New London lunch counter accommodates some fifty, in addition to which he has, at the latter place, a dining room which seats one hundred. Mr. Dillon gives employment to about sixty-five hands, and probably does a larger business than any other caterer in the city of Hartford, feeding on an average some 5,000 people daily, on special occasions having catered to even as many as twenty thousand in a single day. For many years he has catered for balls and parties, in addition to which he runs excursions to Boston and other points throughout the country.

In 1886, in Boston, Mass., Mr. Dillon was married to Margaret Mahoney, a native of that city, one of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney, and two children have been born to this union, Grace and Richard. The famly attend the Catholic Church, in which he takes an active interest. In politics he is a Democrat, and though always taking an active interest in the affairs of the party has declined nomination for office. Socially he is a member and was first treasurer of Jewell Council, Knights of Columbus, which office he has held a number of years. For a considerable time he was a member of the Hillyer Guards, is now identified with the veteran corps of same, and has taken an active part in several other Catholic orders. In 1895 he built his present fine house on Church street, owning also an attractive one adjoining.

HON. OLIVER ELLSWORTH. "History," remarks a well-known author, "is best studied by means of biography, indeed, history is biography, showing collective humanity as influenced and governed by individuals." Conspicuous among the illustrious men who founded this Republic and shaped its destiny was this honored son of Hartford county, and in reviewing his career one comes in close touch with every important movement of that period. No brief account can do justice to his achievements, and still less can it give an idea of his personal worth, but the following notice, taken chiefly from Stile's "History of Ancient Windsor," outlines the most noteworthy features of his remarkable career.

Mr. Ellsworth was a native of the town of Windsor, born April 29, 1745, and belonged to a family which is still prominent in that locality. At an early age he was placed under the instruction of Rev. Dr. Bellamy, clergyman of a neighboring parish, and in 1762 he entered Yale College, remaining there two years. At Nassau Hall, now Princeton College, New Jersey, he attained high rank as a scholar, and in 1766 received the degree of A. B. After his graduation, his father having determined to educate him for the Gospel ministry, he was placed under the instruction of the venerable John Smalley. Influenced, however, by an early inclination to the profession of law, he abandoned theology after one year's trial, and soon entered upon his favorite study with the first Gov. Griswold of Connecticut. Subsequently, with Judge Root, of Coventry, he completed the course of reading prescribed, and was admitted to the Bar of Hartford county, in 1771. While pursuing his professional studies Mr. Ellsworth incurred debts, and these he discharged by cutting and selling wood from a tract of land which he owned, after vainly trying to sell the land itself. Freed from his pecu-

niary embarrassment, he was ready to begin practice as a counselor at law. His father gave him a house and lot in Bloomfield (then Windsor), and in 1772 he married. For a little more than three years he divided his time between his farm and his profession, the income from the latter being very small. His skill in preparing and ability in advocating an important case entrusted to him by a neighbor secured a verdict for his client, and obtained for himself a high professional reputation. His practice increased, and in the autumn of 1775 he began his career as State attorney. He sold his farm and removed to Hartford, and there devoted himself to a larger and more remunerative practice than that of any of his contemporaries of the Connecticut Bar. His resolute will and power of concentrating his mind upon the analysis of the subject in hand, together with his concise statements of the points involved, and lucid and forcible arguments, gained for him a position at the very head of the profession.

Politically Mr. Ellsworth was a Whig, and at the beginning of the Revolutionary war he was chosen to represent Windsor in the General Assembly of Conecticut. While a member of the Legislature he served actively with the militia of the State, and was one of a committee of four called the "Pay Table." The duties of this committee were to "examine, liquidate, settle, and give all needful orders" for the payment of military expenditures. In October, 1777, he was elected one of six delegates to the Continental Congress, taking his seat twelve months afterward. He served as a member of the Marine committee, acting as a board of Admiralty, and also on the committee of Appeals, besides taking a prominent share in all general discussions and measures. By yearly elections from 1780 to 1784 he was a member of the Governor's Council, in which body he served with unrivalled influence. At the end of June, 1783, he left his seat in Congress, and although re-elected declined to serve. In 1784 he declined the appointment of Commissioner of the Treasury tendered to him by Congress, preferring the legislative assignment of Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. He conducted the duties of this office with rare ability and great reputation until he was made a member of the Federal Convention assembled at Philadelphia in May, 1787. In this body he bore a distinguished part, and soon became conspicuous as one of the ablest advocates of the rights of individual States. To him we are largely indebted for the Federal element of our Constitution, "by which so many sovereign States are kept in distinct activity, while included under a higher sovereignty." He moved in the convention to expunge the word "National" from the constitution, and to substitute the words "government of the United States," and this was finally agreed to without a dissenting voice. To his clear discernment and strenuous exertions, coupled with those of his distinguished colleagues, Roger Sherman and Hon. Judge Patterson, more than to any others, we owe the best government instead of the worst and most intolerable on earth. He did not put his name to the instrument when completed, solely because important domestic considerations compelled him to leave the convention as soon as all the provisions of the Constitution had been perfected.

In the following year, during the State Convention for the adoption of the Constitution, Mr. Ellsworth, by the force and energy of his invincible arguments, was one of the chief factors in securing its ratification. Upon the organization of the new government at New York, April 6, 1789, he was seated as one of the senators from Connecticut. He was appointed chairman of the committee on Organization of the Judiciary of the United States, and the original bill, in his handwriting, passed with but slight alteration, its provisions being still in force. He was called "The Cerebus of the Treasury," being particularly watchful over the public expenditures. He took an active part in building up the credit of the country, providing for the "support of the government, for the discharge of the debts of the United States, and for the encouragement and protection of manufacturers." He was spoken of by John Adams as the firmest pillar in Washington's whole administration, and by common consent he was yielded precedence in the Federal ranks in the Senate, then composed of the elite of the Republic. The mission of John Jay to England in 1794 was due to his suggestion, and when the treaty then negotiated met with alarming opposition in the House of Representatives he successfully defended it, and it was approved by the Senate. In 1790 Yale College bestowed upon him the degree of LL. D., in recognition of his legal ability and distinguished services to the public, and this example was followed by Dartmouth and Princeton Colleges in 1797. On March 4, 1796, Mr. Ellsworth was appointed as the successor of Mr. Jay as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. As he had been long estranged from the practice of his legal profession, he carefuly prepared himself for the duties of his new station by an extensive course of study upon those points in which he felt himself deficient. All his habits and faculties were especially adapted to the discharge of judicial functions, his dignified bearing, courteous impartiality and acknowledged ability winning for him everywhere the confidence and esteem of the Bar. His clear perception aided greatly the dispatch of business, while his decisions, as they are preserved in the records, are notably concise and sound. At the beginning of Adams' administration the relations between the United States and France had become so unfriendly that a war seemed inevitable, obliging the government to make military preparations. The French Directory, seeing that the Americans were really aroused, finally made overtures for the arrangement of difficulties between the two countries. In 1799 President Adams, on the recommendation of a Senate committee, ap-

pointed Oliver Ellsworth, Patrick Henry and William Van Murray ambassadors of the United States and extraordinary commission to negotiate with France. Mr. Henry declined to act on account of age, and Gov. William R. Davie, of North Carolina, was named in his stead. Mr. Ellsworth entered on this duty with reluctance, but waiving all personal feeling accepted the high responsibility. After receiving final instructions he sailed with Davie on the frigate "United States," Nov. 3, but meeting with many delays did not reach Paris until March 2, 1800. As envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary they were accorded a cordial and enthusiastic reception. They found Napoleon Bonaparte at the head of the Republic erected on the ruins of the Directory, and being more wise and politic than his associates in the government he soon concluded an adjustment of all disputes, preventing an impending war and an alliance between America and England that would have been most unfavorable to the interests of France. On the part of this country the negotiations and discussions were conducted almost exclusively by Judge Ellsworth. While it was found impossible to obtain all concessions which our envoys demanded, the convention agreed upon in September, secured all that under the actual circumstances were necessary. France conceded the rights to neutral vessels, agreeing to pay indemnity for depredations upon our commerce, and assured us peace without at all sacrificing our rights or interests. Although the treaty met with opposition in Congress, time has proved that the honor and welfare of this country could not have been placed in more capable hands. Mr. Ellsworth's health had for some time been seriously impaired, and the voyage to Europe and subsequent travel on the Continent only contributed to aggravate his malady. The time of his departure for home being delayed until late in the autumn, it was thought his life would be endangered by crossing the ocean at that unfavorable season. He was accordingly carried to England on board the frigate "Portsmouth," the vessel that was to bring the ambassadors back to this country, and there he tested with some benefit the efficacy of the mineral waters at Bath. His son Oliver, who had accompanied him as secretary, returned home with Commissioner Davie, bringing with him his father's resignation of the office of Chief Justice. While in England Mr. Ellsworth was the recipient of marked attention on the part of the Court and of the leading public men, as well as of the Bench and Bar. He sailed from Bristol, England, on the ship "Nancy" in April, 1801, and after a painful voyage was landed in Boston. Once safe at home and free from the cares of public office, Mr. Ellsworth resolved to spend his remaining years in quiet life, but in 1802 he was again elected a member of the Governor's Council, which acted as a Superior Court of Errors in Connecticut, being the final Court of Appeals from all inferior State jurisdictions. Here his influence was controlling, for in addition to the weight of acknowledged talents, he now united the authority of long and distinguished public service. In May, 1807, the Legislature of Connecticut remodeled the State Judiciary, and Judge Ellsworth was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He accepted this appointment, but, finding that the decline of his health would impair his usefulness for the duties of his office, he resigned it before the adjournment of the Legislature. The nephritic complaints to which he had so long been subject attained fatal violence in that year. He died Nov. 26, 1807, and was buried in the cemetery at Windsor, where a monument, erected by his children and suitably inscribed, marks his resting place. It was truly said of him: "Ellsworth died greatly regretted, as in his life he had been admired for his extraordinary endowments, his accomplishments as an advocate, his integrity as a judge, his patriotism as a legislator and ambassador, and his exemplariness as a Christian."

ELIJAH ROGERS, general farmer and fruit grower, town of Southington, Hartford county, Connecticut.

WILLIAM HUNGERFORD, LL. D., whose death occurred at his home in Hartford, June 15, 1873, is credited with being at that time the most learned lawyer in the State. He was born at East Haddam, Conn., Nov. 22, 1788.

Mr. Hungerford was graduated from Yale College in 1809, became a student of Hon. Matthew Griswold and Gov. Roger Griswold, at Lyme, Conn., and was admitted to the Bar in 1812. For six months previous to his commencing the study of law, and just after his graduation, he taught in the old Colchester Academy. After his admission to the Bar he practiced in his native town until 1829, when he removed to Hartford and was engaged in the practice of his profession until a few years before his death, in 1873. He had little taste for political life, and was not an office-seeker. He represented his native town many times in the General Assembly of the State, and after his removal to Hartford, was several times a delegate from this town to the General Assembly. Mr. Hungerford is said to have read Blackstone's "Commentaries" through thirty times, and to have delighted in that driest and most intricate of all legal works, "Fearne on Contingent Remainders." He was largely instrumental through his briefs in the Supreme Court, in settling the law on important points involved. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818, and was the last survivor of that distinguished body. "Probably the history of the profession contains no individual lawyer of our State who reached greater attainments in learning." In 1856, Yale College conferred upon Mr. Hungerford the degree of LL. D.

The character of Mr. Hungerford is beautifully set forth in the address of the late Gov. Richard D. Hubbard, delivered at the Bar meeting just after

his death, from which address the following is extracted: "Nor was his learning a mere barren collection of the memory, as is often the case with great scholars, but a mass of fertile and ready material which he knew how to mould and impress to the manifold and everyday uses of his profession; and above all, and then most of all, when some knotty question arose, having its roots in the abstruse science of the law, or back in the ancient learning; such questions are likely to beset us, not only in consultations, conveyancing and pleadings but all along, and at every step of the trial, and sometimes they come upon us from ambush, as it were, and confound, perhaps overthrow us by a deadly surprise; it was on such occasions that he showed himself master of the field. He sprang to his weapons at a bound, and his weapons were a full equipment, from the strange heavy old armor of Littleton and the Year Books down to the most cunning and newly contrived fences and foils of forensic warfare. In a word, he was, I think, the most learned lawyer at the Bar of this State. In saying this, I do not forget Sherman and Baldwin and Ingersoll, and Perkins, and such as they. I doubt it, as a legal scholar, the Bar of America had his superior. To those who were not of the profession, and to whom therefore its scientific learning is a dry jargon, he seemed at times, perhaps like a burdened camel, toiling through this parched and pathless desert, but to the learned judges who knew the value of his stores, his coming was a token of welcome, for he always came freighted with a better merchandise than that of spices and gold and silver. As an advocate he had few of the graces of the orator. His manner, though not awkward, was not graceful. His temperament was not magnetic, his mind was not imaginative or brilliant, and he rarely rose into eloquence. His voice was somewhat harsh and untrained. His style was not free from certain mannerisms, and he sometimes smothered a little his argument, as it seemed to me, with an excess of readings and citations. But in spite of all this, he was eminently successful both to the court and to the jury; to the court of course, because he was a profound lawyer, and to the jury because, though not a brilliant advocate, he possessed a vigorous common sense which pierced to the marrow of a question, and an honesty which was transparent. And then, in addition to this, he had a certain quaintness of style which served to embroider, as it were, the staple of his argument, and gift, not perhaps of wit, but of dry humor—a strange and grotesque drollery which would burst up in unexpected jets along the line of his logic, and which served to gladden what might otherwise have seemed harsh and crabbed."

BARBOUR FAMILY (spelled Barber, Barbur, Barbar and Barbour as written through probate records; Barbour adopted by Henry of this branch of the family). The branch of the Barbour family of Hartford, several members of which have been prominent in the legal profession here and elsewhere in the State and country, notably the late Judge Heman Humphrey Barbour, Judge Henry Stiles Barbour, and Judge Sylvester Barbour, still of Hartford, brothers, and Hon. Joseph Lane Barbour, son of the first named and now in the meridian of an active career, are of the Canton (Conn.) family of Barbours, which was among the earliest and most conspicuous of West Simsbury.

Samuel Barber, the immediate ancestor of the Canton family, was a descendant of the first Thomas Barber, who was the first of the name in New England, coming to Windsor, Conn., in 1635, at the age of twenty-one, with the Saltonstall party under Francis Stiles. Samuel Barber settled in West Simsbury. He married Mercy Holcomb; he died about 1725, and his widow in 1787 at the age of ninety-six. She removed from the old parish to West Simsbury, in 1738, with her four sons, Samuel, Thomas, Jonathan and John, and her daughters, Mercy and Sarah, the sons settling on the best lands in the Center school district.

Judge Sylvester Barbour, of Hartford, and brothers are in the fourth generation from John Barbour, the line of their descent being through Jonathan and Henry Barbour.

(II) John Barbour, son of Samuel Barbour, born in 1719, married Lydia Reed, who was born in 1725. He died in 1799, and she in 1806.

(III) Jonathan Barbour, son of John Barbour, born in 1763, married, in 1786, Abi Merrill, who was born in 1769. He lived in the Center school district. He died in 1817, and she died in 1848.

Henry Barbour, son of Jonathan Barbour, and the father of Judge Sylvester Barbour and brothers, of Hartford, was born in 1793, in Connecticut, where he was occupied through life in farming. He married, April 2, 1817, Naomi, daughter of Solomon Humphrey. Mr. Barbour was a farmer of only moderate means, was industrious, lived a life of usefulness, holding the esteem and respect of the community. He reared a family of nine children, who filled honorable and, a number of them, high stations in life. He died April 12, 1869, and his wife passed away Jan. 7, 1863. Their children were: (1) Clarinda, born April 17, 1818, and died April 30, 1886, married Franklin Perry. (2) Heman Humphrey [see sketch elsewhere]. (3) Henry Stiles [see sketch elsewhere]. (4) Lucy, born May 7, 1824, married Nov. 9, 1846, Henry P. Lane. (5) Pluma, born Sept. 17, 1826, married Nov. 8, 1848, Samuel D. Garrett. (6) Juliaette, born Nov. 14, 1828 (unmarried). (7) Sylvester. (8) Naomi Eliza, born Feb. 3, 1833, married, in 1862, Henry D. Sexton, died Jan. 6, 1862. (9) Edward P., born Sept. 23, 1834, and died Aug. 5, 1895, married, in 1860, Emma J. Barbour, and later became a resident of Ansonia, Connecticut.

Mrs. Naomi (Humphrey) Barbour, the mother

of these children, was born Sept. 28, 1704, in Burlington, Conn., the daughter of Solomon Humphrey, who was a descendant in the fifth generation from Michael Humphrey, the emigrant, who settled and was residing at Windsor, Conn., in 1643. The line of Solomon Humphrey's descent was through Lieut. Samuel, Jonathan and Solomon Humphrey.

Solomon Humphrey (father of Naomi), born in 1753, in West Simsbury, Conn., married (first) in 1772, Lucy Case, who died in about 1777, and (second), in 1778, Hannah, daughter of Capt. John Brown (3), a lineal descendant of Peter Brown, who landed from the "Mayflower," at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, and in time settled in Windsor, Conn., the line of her descent being through John, and John Brown (2).

Capt. John Brown commanded a company in the Continental army in the Revolution, dying in the service at New York in September, 1776. Solomon Humphrey had by the two marriages thirteen children, of whom Naomi, the youngest, was a woman of many virtues. Her father was a man of sterling integrity and of deep piety. He had a pleasant and sedate countenance, an easy dignity and urbanity, and quietness of manners—a natural gentleman. He was a patriot of the Revolution, lived at several different points in Connecticut, and died in Barkhamsted in 1834, at the age of eighty-one. Naomi (Humphrey) Barbour was a cousin of John Brown, the martyr, and the sister of Rev. Dr. Heman Humphrey, who for years was president of Amherst College.

Judge Heman Humphrey Barbour (deceased), late of Hartford, was born July 19, 1820, in the town of Canton, Conn., the son of Henry and Naomi (Humphrey) Barbour [see Barbour family above]. He received careful religious training at home, attended the schools of his native town and the academy at Amherst, Mass. When of age he went to Indianapolis, Ind., and read law in the office of his cousin, Hon. Lucien Barbour, since a member of the United States Congress from Indiana. He was admitted to the Bar in June, 1841, and commenced the practice of law at Columbus, Ind. In 1845 he was elected State Senator for the term of three years. In May, 1846, he enlisted in the United States service in the Mexican war, and went as adjutant of one of the three Indiana regiments to New Orleans, and thence to Mexico. Mr. Barbour made his home at Columbus, Ind., until in 1850, when he moved to Hartford, Conn., which was ever afterward his home. While at Columbus he was active in the Presbyterian Church and its Sabbath-school, having been chosen as deacon in 1849, and was the teacher of a Bible class. In 1858 he was elected probate judge of the Hartford district, served four years, and in 1863 declined re-election. Thereafter he devoted his life to the practice of law. The Judicial and Civil History of Connecticut, of which Judge Dwight Loomis, of Hartford, was chief editor, thus refers to Judge Barbour: "He had a clear and logical mind, reasoning powers of a high order, an active, energetic temperament and remarkable powers of physical endurance. The intensity of his convictions made defeat exceedingly hard for him to bear. The duties of his profession were to him solemn obligations and he was never satisfied until he had done his utmost to discharge them well."

Judge Barbour, at Hartford, was a member of the Baptist Church, and an earnest and consistent Christian man, with a noble and philanthropic soul, who accomplished great good. He organized the Good Samaritan Society in the interest of temperance reform, and was also deeply interested in the Prisoners' Friend Association. He was a director of the State Prison, was brought in contact with the convicts, and he spared neither labor nor sacrifice of time and money in the attempt to assist them to reform and lead a life of honesty and sobriety.

On Oct. 23, 1845, Judge Barbour was married to Frances E., daughter of Merlin and Clarissa (Newton) Merrill, of Barkhamsted, Conn. She died Oct. 17, 1863, and on May 10, 1865, he married Elmyra Barker. To the first marriage were born children as follows: Joseph L. [see sketch elsewhere]; Rev. Henry M., born in 1848, at Columbus, Ind.; Rev. Heman H., born in 1850, at Hartford, Conn.; James, born in 1851, died in 1869; Rev. Thomas S., born in 1853; Francis N., born in 1855, died in 1857; Samuel B. B., born and died in 1857; William H., born in 1858, died in 1898; and a daughter born and died in 1861, and also a son born and died in 1863. To the second marriage of Judge Barbour were born: Rev. Clarence A., in 1867, and Rev. John B., in 1869. Judge Barbour died June 29, 1875.

Hon. Joseph Lane Barbour, former Speaker of the Connecticut House, and a lawyer of Hartford, was born Dec. 18, 1846, in Barkhamsted, Conn., son of the late Judge Heman H. Barbour, of Hartford, and received his education in the Hartford Public High School and at Willston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. After his school days were over he passed several years in teaching school, and in 1867 entered the office of the Hartford *Evening Post*, and for some half dozen or more years he had a successful career as a journalist. Belonging to a family of lawyers, the bent of his mind ran in the legal direction, and after due preparation he was admitted to the Bar in 1874, and at once became located in its practice at New Britain, Conn. Following a two-years' practice there he returned to Hartford, which has since been his field of labor. Through his tact and force he has gradually won his way to the front and is having a successful career. An ardent Republican in his political affiliations with a taste for politics, and a natural leader, he early became a party worker and developed into a great campaigner. His tact and ability as a speaker won him signal renown as an effective campaign orator, and his services in campaign work have been in demand not only at home and in his native State but in neighboring States, and in this line he has rendered his

party great work and contributed to its many successes. He is credited with being second to none of the Republicans in the State as an effective political speaker. His Memorial Day orations, too, are always models of eloquent and fascinating eulogy. Mr. Barbour, like his father and several of his uncles, has served his City and State in various official capacities, and with the same promptness and conscientiousness that were so characteristic of them. He was clerk of the House of Representatives in 1877, and in 1878 and 1879 of the Senate. For some eight or more years (1877 to 1884) he was prosecuting attorney for the city of Hartford. He was clerk of the city council for four years (1871 to 1874), and in all his official relations he has shown tact and ability in the performance of the duties devolving upon him. As a jury lawyer there is probably none abler in the county. He has an extensive and growing practice.

Socially Mr. Barbour is genial and popular. As an evidence of his great popularity, in 1896, when he made the race for Representative to the General Assembly, he carried every ward in Hartford, something that no other candidate for that office had ever done, and received a larger plurality than ever was given a candidate in the city—about 5,000. Mr. Barbour was chosen Speaker of the House, serving in 1897-98, in a most admirable manner. Socially he is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hartford, of Washington Commandery, K. T., of Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; and also of Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F. For some six years he was a member of the National Guard of Connecticut, and is now a member of the Veteran Association of Hartford City Guard.

On June 21, 1871, Mr. Barbour was married to Anne J., daughter of the late Oliver and Jane E. (Hinckley) Woodhouse, of Hartford, her father being for many years assistant postmaster at Hartford. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Barbour now living are: Frances Barbour, Robert W. Barbour, and Florence A. Barbour.

REV. HORACE BUSHNELL, D. D., deceased. Of Hartford's many men of note and distinction, probably none was so universally beloved by the community as he whose name introduces this sketch.

Dr. Bushnell was born April 14, 1802, in the town of Litchfield, Conn., son of Ensign and Dotha (Bishop) Bushnell, and grandson of Abraham and Mollie (Ensign) Bushnell, who resided in New Canaan, Conn., the grandfather being in the sixth generation from Francis Bushnell, the progenitor of the family, who was one of the early settlers of Guilford, Conn., where it appears Abraham's line remained. In 1805 the father of Horace removed to New Preston, Conn., where the son united with the church in 1821. He entered Yale College in 1823, and was graduated in 1827. He taught school in Norwich, Conn., in 1827-28; was associate editor of the *Journal of Commerce*, in New York, 1828-29; was a tutor in Yale, and also studied law, 1829-31; entered the Theological School at New Haven in 1831. In 1833 he was installed pastor of the North Church (Congregational), Hartford, with which he was connected until 1859, when, owing to his health, he resigned. Hartford was his first and only pastorate. He died at Hartford Feb. 17, 1876, and was buried in the North cemetery.

Dr. Bushnell was a man of pre-eminent worth —one whose influence upon the religious thought of the age was more marked than almost any other American preacher, and his personality was most grand and attractive. Rev. Dr N. J. Burton, in his article on The Churches of Hartford in the "Memorial History of Hartford, County," said of him:

> Horace Bushnell was a man whose fame is in all the churches, and his twenty-six years of his connection with the North Church are the one great title of that church to universal celebrity. * * His people were fond of him and proud of him; and when he resigned, in 1859, on account of his health, they resisted his entire separation from them by many forms of resistance, urging that he should at least retain a formal connection with them, and pledging themselves, in a paper signed by every man of the church, to support him as long as he lived, whether able to labor or not. But he needed a release; and from his dismissal in 1859 to 1876 he gave his strength to the production of certain great works.
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> As a pastor his ministry was fruitful in many ways. His sermons contained an amount of intellectual and religious material which could hardly be paralleled, and they were put to the people in a manner to make a great and abiding impression. Still his supreme service to the world was by his books. He was not a scholar; he was not excessively reverent toward precedents and old opinions; but he was candid, conscientious, truth-loving, intuitive, massive, and robust, on close terms with God, closer and closer the longer he lived; and he expressed himself in a diction which was wonderful for its combined strength, opulence, and beauty. In theology he was free, courageous, and even venturesome at times; so that many were anxious about him for years and years, and some were disposed to make him trouble. He was tried for heresy before one ecclesiastical body, and a prolonged effort was made to get him put on trial before another; but the first one cleared him, and the second one never could get hold of him because the three members of his own church needed—according to ecclesiastical law and usage—to make complaint of him to that body could never be found. Through all the channels of public discussion he was diligently debated; but as time went on, and his constant growth in the grace of God made him continually a more beautiful and beloved figure in the world, and also made it evident that his errors, however erroneous, were not deadly, at least in his own case, the public unrest subsided, and the principal thing that remained was a liberalization of theology in the communion to which Bushnell belonged, and a visible step taken towards catholicity and catholic truth. Dr. Bushnell's church could never be persuaded that he had made any departure from essential Christian truth, and they therefore stood by him with unwavering unanimity. On the other hand, they retained as their own, as they do to this day, the creed of the First Church in Hartford, which they adopted when they emerged from that body.

The following is extracted from an article prepared by Henry A. Beers, under the head of "Hart-

ferd in Literature," and published in the "Memorial History of Hartford County:"

Perhaps the man of highest genius in the catalogue of Hartford authors was Horace Bushnell. His writings, though mainly theological, or rather religious in subject, are often lifted by their imaginative quality and beauty of style into the region of pure literature. His thought has sometimes a resemblance to Emerson's though conclusions were widely different. His orthodoxy was supported by admissions so bold and reasonings so original as to lay him open to the charges of heresy. His earlier writings in particular, such as "Christian Nature," 1847, "God in Christ," 1849, and "Christian Theology," 1851, made him the object of what may without exaggeration be called persecution by a party among the Congregational churches of the State. In consequence of his peculiar way of holding the doctrines of Atonement and the Divinity of Christ, he was accused of a modern form of Unitarianism. In his works—like "Work and Play," a series of essays, published as a volume in 1864, but delivered much earlier, the "Moral Uses of Dark Things," 1869, and his masterpiece, "Nature and the Supernatural," 1859—he addressed a public wider than the limits of denomination. In these, and particularly in the last mentioned, Dr. Bushnell's other-worldliness is shown in an inclination to admit a belief in modern miracles, the development of spiritual life, and "demoniacal irruptions."

Dr. Bushnell was one of Hartford's most public-spirited citizens. The beautiful city park, which his exertions did so much to obtain, fittingly bears his name.

MRS. HARRIET ELIZABETH BEECHER STOWE, famous as the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," belonged to an intellectual family.

Mrs. Stowe, *nee* Harriet Elizabeth Beecher, was born June 14, 1812, in the town of Litchfield, Conn., a daughter of Rev. Lyman and Roxanna Beecher, whose children were Catherine, William, Edward, Mary, George, Harriet (who died an infant), Harriet Elizabeth, Henry Ward and Charles.

At the age of fifteen years Harriet came to Hartford to assist her sister Catherine, who had established a seminary there, and remained with her until her twenty-first year, in which year her father accepted the presidency of the Lane Theological Seminary, at Cincinnati, Ohio. To this point Rev. Beecher was accompanied by his daughters, excepting Mary, who had married Thomas Perkins, of Hartford, and here established another ladies' seminary. During the period of Harriet's residence in Hartford some of her sketches of New England life, afterward published in her first book, "The Mayflower," 1844, were written.

In 1836 Miss Beecher married Prof. Calvin E. Stowe, of the Lane Theological Seminary. For years prior to 1864 they had lived at Andover, Mass., but in that year they came to Hartford to reside, where both died. They had a summer cottage at Mandarin, Fla., located in a beautiful grove of moss-grown live oaks, and with an orange grove in the rear, which overlooked the St. John's river. Here they passed a number of winters.

Mrs. Stowe began writing in 1833, while at Hartford, in which city were written many of her later works, including "Men of Our Times," Hartford, 1868; "The Chimney Corner," 1868; "The Minister's Wooing," 1868; "Oldtown Folks," 1869; "Pink and White Tyranny," 1871; "My Wife and I," 1871; "Palmetto Leaves," 1873; "We and Our Neighbors," 1875; "Poganuc People," 1878. Her writing ended in 1881. She had published in the period between 1833 and 1881 thirty-two works, besides writing many short stories, letters of travel, essays, etc. Her husband, Prof. Stowe, was the original of "Harry," in "Oldtown Folks," a book which embodies many of his strange experiences. None of the incidents or characters in the Oldtown series are ideal; they are not only true to nature, but actually happened. Sam Lawson was a real character. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written in 1852. While on a visit in Kentucky Mrs. Stowe had her first introduction to slavery, and the estate she was upon later figured as that of "Mr. Shelby," in her famous book.

Prof. Stowe died in Hartford in 1886, and Mrs. Stowe passed away in July, 1896.

WADSWORTH. The family bearing this name is an old Colonial one, and conspicuously prominent in the annals of Connecticut. But in this article it is our intention only to refer briefly to the late Daniel Wadsworth (the founder of the Atheneum bearing his name), his distinguished father, Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, and their ancestry.

One William Wadsworth settled at Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1632, and is found at Hartford, Conn., in 1636, as a member of Rev. Mr. Hooker's Church, and holding the office of collector of Hartford in 1637. At this time he was in middle life, and a widower. He married (second) probably in 1644 Elizabeth Stone. Mr. Wadsworth was one of the original proprietors of Hartford in 1639, held several important offices in the town and Colony, and sustained a high rank with the best Puritan families. He died in 1675.

From this William Wadsworth the late Daniel Wadsworth, of Hartford, was a descendant in the sixth generation, his line being through John (by a former wife), who settled in Farmington; Deacon John, who settled in Hartford; Rev. Daniel, a graduate of Yale, 1734, who married Abigail, daughter of Gov. Talcott, and was pastor of the First Church of Hartford; and Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth.

COL. JEREMIAH WADSWORTH, son of Rev. Daniel, was born July 12, 1743. In early youth he was with his uncle, Matthew Talcott, a merchant of Middletown. Later for a time he followed the sea, from boy-before-the-mast to master. He settled down in Hartford in 1773, and was during the Revolutionary period and the years following the foremost man in the town. He served as deputy commissary under Joseph Trumbull, and succeeded by appointment of Congress to the office of commissary-general of purchases. After the arrival of the French troops he became commissary of the French army, and served until the close of the war.

He shared largely in the confidence of Gen. Washington, and under his roof the General was entertained when he came East with Knox and Lafayette for the first interview with Count Rochambeau and Admiral Ternay. Col. Wadsworth was a member of the State Convention for ratifying the Constitution of the United States, and was a firm supporter of the patriot cause. He served six years as a member of Congress, and was a member of the Council of Connecticut from 1795 to 1801. He had been largely concerned in the West India trade, was a leader in all mercantile enterprises. He was probably the wealthiest man in Hartford.

Col. Wadsworth married Mehetabel Russell, and at his death, in 1804, left one son, Daniel. Mrs. Wadsworth died in 1817.

DANIEL WADSWORTH was born in Hartford, and in early life married Faith Trumbull, daughter of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut. From childhood Daniel Wadsworth had delicate health. He possessed great wealth, being probably the wealthiest man of his day in Connecticut, was generous, and gave liberally to all good purposes, using his estate as though it was a gift of Providence. He did much for the growth and prosperity of Hartford. The Wadsworth Atheneum, on Main and Atheneum streets, is a lasting monument of his desire to promote library and institute objects. He gave the ground, valued at $20,000, on which the Atheneum building stands, for that purpose, it being the site of his birthplace and the family home for three generations. He also contributed largely to the building. He died in 1848, and his wife passed away in 1846.

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DAVID WATKINSON, philanthropist, Hartford, where his death occurred Dec. 13, 1857, contributed largely of his means to the good of his adopted city.

Mr. Watkinson was born Jan. 17, 1778, in Lavenham, Suffolk, England, and came to the United States with his parents in 1795, locating in Middletown, Conn. He commenced his business career as a merchant's clerk, and was for a time employed in New York City, and in 1800 began mercantile business with his brother William in Hartford, Conn. He continued in that line of business for upward of forty years, until in 1841 he withdrew from active pursuits with a fortune. Mr. Watkinson was a pure-minded, benevolent, Christian man, was an active member of the Connecticut Historical Society, and a large subscriber to the Wadsworth Atheneum. None was more distinguished for intelligence in these and other measures for the public welfare than David Watkinson, and at his death he fitly crowned the efforts of his life by making a bequest of $100,000 (to which was added a residuary interest in his estate) for the establishment of a free reference library "in connection with the Connecticut Historical Society," and giving an additional sum of $5,000 to the same society to enlarge their building for the purpose. His bequests by will were $40,000 to the Hartford Hospital; $20,000 to the Orphan Asylum; $40,000 for founding a "juvenile asylum for neglected and abandoned children;" and $100,000 for a library of reference in connection with the Connecticut Historical Society, also making the trustees of the library of reference residuary legatees of his estate.

HON. GIDEON WELLES, statesman, Hartford, where his death occurred Feb. 11, 1878, was a lineal descendant of Thomas Welles, a native of England, who came to this country prior to 1636 and located in Hartford, of which town he was one of the original proprietors in 1639. Later he became governor of Connecticut.

Gideon Welles was born July 1, 1802, in the town of Glastonbury. He attended for a time Norwich University, in Vermont, but was not graduated. He studied law, but soon turned his attention to journalism, becoming editor and part owner of *The Hartford Times*, with which he was connected until 1854, though retiring from the responsible editorship in 1836. He made *The Times* the chief organ of the Democratic party in Connecticut. From 1827 to 1835 he served in the State Legislature. He was made, by appointment of the Legislature, State Comptroller in 1835, and was elected to that office in 1842 and 1843. He served as postmaster of Hartford for several years between his periods of service as State Comptroller. From 1846 to 1849 he was chief of the bureau of provisions and clothing in the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. He was an anti-slavery man, and in 1855 and 1856 identified himself with the Republican party. He was its first candidate for governor of Connecticut. He worked hard for the election of Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860, and became his Secretary of the Navy.

The following is extracted from an article in the "Memorial History of Hartford County," under the head of THE PRESS, prepared by Charles Hopkins Clark:

> It was in the years 1854 and 1855 that the Hon. Gideon Welles, who had been for most of the time since 1827 an editorial writer on *The Times*, joined the then just organizing "New Party," which in the last-named year took the name and shape of the great Republican party. Mr. Welles began his work for the Republicans in the columns of the *Evening Press*, a Republican journal, which had been begun in 1856. In building up the Connecticut Republicans no one voice was so powerful through the press as that of Gideon Welles. President Lincoln called Mr. Welles to his Cabinet.. It is but justice to truth, and to one of the most remarkable men who in those days of noted leaders were in any way connected with the government at Washington, to say that Mr. Lincoln trusted to no member of his Cabinet for advice and counsel more fully than he did to Mr. Welles; and it is also true that no one was worthier of that trust.
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> It was well for our country that Mr. Lincoln had such

a man in his Cabinet. More than the country yet knows, it was the saving shrewdness and wisdom of Gideon Welles that at critical junctures served unseen to turn the tide of fortune in favor of the government. He was not given like so many others, to blowing his own horn; but his counsel at all times was so good that the sorely-tried President learned to value and rely upon it. * * *. Mr. Welles was also in President Johnson's Cabinet, and, after the close of the latter's administration, resumed his old-time cordial relations with *The Times* and its publishers. He was daily in the office, as of old, reading the newspapers and making characteristic comments on men and events and the various political occurrences of the day * * *.

In 1872 Mr. Welles acted with the Liberal Republicans, and in 1876 he advocated the election of Samuel J. Tilden.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER. In the death of Charles Dudley Warner at Hartford, Oct. 20, 1900, there passed away one of the foremost literary men of America.

Mr. Warner was born Sept. 12, 1829, at Plainfield, Mass. He came of Puritan stock. His father, Justin Warner, who was a man of culture, died when Charles was four years old. When he became eight years old the family moved to Charlemont. The taste of the father for literature passed to the son, and even in boyhood Mr. Warner was a willing student and learned readily. He had access in his early boyhood to few books except such as might be found in the average Puritan household of the time, Calvinistic treatises, Biblical commentaries and biographies of austere divines, but he found the time and the opportunity to study and to make considerable advancement, particularly in the classics. When he was twelve his uncle, and the guardian of Charles and his brother George, took the widow and the two boys to Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y. He was prepared for college at the Oneida Conference Seminary, a Methodist institution of high repute, with an excellent Faculty. He was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in 1851, with the first prize in English. While in college he contributed to the "Knickerbocker" and "Putnam's Magazine." A short time after graduation he prepared a "Book of Eloquence," which was published at Cazenovia, N. Y., in 1853, and showed an appreciative though critical judgment.

Although Mr. Warner thus early gave indication of his taste and aptitude for a literary career, he spent a year in 1853 and 1854, with a surveying party on the Missouri frontier, and upon returning to the East he went to the law school at the University of Pennsylvania, and prepared himself for a legal career. He was graduated in 1856, and began practice at Chicago, remaining there until 1860, when at the solicitation of Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, who had known him at school and at college, he came to Hartford to join Gen. Hawley in the publication of the *Press*, which was started as a Republican paper. Mr. Warner assumed control of the paper the next year, when Gen. Hawley went to war, and he carried it through the war with eminent ability and the warmest patriotism. In 1867 the *Press* was consolidated with *The Courant*, by which Gen. Hawley and Mr. Warner became part owners of this paper. He continued to the time of his death one of the owners of *The Courant*.

Mr. Warner always had a fondness for travel, and he had seen considerable of this country when he went abroad the first time. This was in 1868, and he spent fourteen months on the other side, writing a series of bright and entertaining foreign letters to his paper, which gained him reputation and were extensively copied. He subsequently traveled much in this country, in Mexico, in Europe and the East, observing much wherever he went, and putting the result of his observations and reflections in print. His letters and books of travel are among his most charming writings.

In 1877 Mr. Warner published "Being a Boy," in part a biography and a faithful and amusing picture of rural life in a Calvinistic New England community. Before this he had published "My Summer in a Garden," published first as a series of papers in *The Courant*. It combined humor, philosophy and the contemplation of affairs in a thoroughly charming manner. Retaining his position on *The Courant*, and his close interest in all that related to it, Mr. Warner became in 1884 co-editor of "Harper's Magazine." He for many years conducted the Editor's Drawer, the humorous department of the magazine, and later the Editor's Study, another department of the magazine. He contributed frequently to the literary pages of the periodical, wrote essays, occasional addresses and lectures, and took an active interest in all matters relating to social and municipal reform. To social science he gave a lifelong and careful study, and his voice and pen were constantly in its service.

A catalogue of Mr. Warner's published writings would include, besides those already mentioned, "As We Go," "As We Were Saying," "Backlog Studies," "Baddeck and That Sort of Thing," "In the Levant," "In the Wilderness," "Mummies and Moslems," "My Winter on the Nile," "Studies in the South," "Mexican Papers," "Studies in the Great West," "Our Italy," "People for Whom Shakespeare Wrote," "Relation of Literature to Life," a series of lectures before the Yale Law School in 1884, "Roundabout Journeys," "Life of Captain John Smith," "Saunterings," "Their Pilgrimage," "Washington Irving," in the "Men of Letters" series, of which he was editor, and three novels, "The Golden House," "A Little Journey in the World," and "That Fortune," the last named published about a year ago. His lectures and occasional addresses included an address at Bowdoin College on "Higher Education," the address at the unveiling of Paul Gerhardt's statue of Nathan Hale in the Capitol, an address before the literary societies of Washington and Lee University in 1888, and lectures and papers before various educational and scientific societies and associations. A paper of his

on the education of the negro in the South was read at the meeting of the American Social Science Association in Washington last winter. The paper was widely published and excited much comment. Mr. Warner was also editor of the "Library of the World's Best Literature, Ancient and Modern," which was in preparation for several years and was published in thirty volumes. He was co-author with Samuel L. Clemens of "The Gilded Age," published in 1873.

Mr. Warner married, in 1856, Susan, daughter of William Elliott Lee, late of New York City. She survives him. There are no children. George H. Warner, of No. 49 Forest street, Hartford, is a brother. Mr. Warner received the degree of A. M. from Yale in 1872, and Dartmouth conferred the same honor upon him in 1884, as did his Alma Mater, Hamilton, the same year. Hamilton conferred upon him the degree of L. H. D. in 1886, and Princeton conferred the same degree in 1896. He received the degree of D. C. L. from the University of the South in 1889.

Mr. Warner was a member of the park board of Hartford and the State commission on sculpture. He was a member of the Monday Evening Club of Hartford, of the University, Century and Players' Clubs of New York, and of the Authors' and the Tavern Clubs of Boston. He was one of the early members of the Colonial Club of the city, and a trustee of Wadsworth Atheneum. He was at the time of his death, and had been for some years, a vice-president of the National Prison Congress, and he was president of the American Social Science Association.

Throughout all his many activities Mr. Warner was always in close touch with the affairs of *The Courant,* and he made a daily visit to the office when he was in the city. Gen. Joseph R. Hawley thus spoke of Mr. Warner at the time of his death:

> The warm and unbroken friendship of Mr. Charles Dudley Warner and myself began about 1843—fifty-seven years ago. We lived as brothers without a single controversy, or passage of ill feeling, until he passed from among us Saturday afternoon, Oct. 20, 1900.
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> Mr. Warner's intellectual ability and his success as an author of books are known to a great public, but a smaller public has known him in his home and in the sweet daily exchange of affection. He was completely a gentleman. He lived a religious life, and said little about it. He regularly attended his church, respecting and obeying its observances. I never heard from his lips an indelicate or coarse story, or an unclean idea. He abhorred injustice, meanness and dishonor. It is a cheerful spirit and a true wit and a sweet humor that we find in all his works. We may never see his equal. I cannot expect an equal friendship and love.

GEN. GEORGE E. KEENEY, whose connection with various interests in Hartford and Somerville has brought him into special prominence in business circles in this part of the State, is well known all over Connecticut in his relation to the public life of the Commonwealth. He represents an old family of this section, his first ancestor in America, Alexander Keeney, having been made a freeman in Wethersfield in 1667; he died in 1680. From him the General is a descendant in the seventh generation, his line being through Joseph, Ashbel (1), Ashbel (2), Ashbel (3), and Rockwell.

Rockwell Keeney, the General's father, was employed during his early manhood in the mills at Somerville, and there met and married a fellow worker, Miss Leonora Gowdy. Soon after their marriage they moved to Manchester, Hartford county, where they made their home until 1879, and where their children were born. Returning to Somerville, Mr. Keeney, in partnership with his sons, purchased the mill where he had formerly been employed, and the Somerville Mfg. Co., consisting of Gen. Keeney, his father and brothers, was formed and incorporated, with Rockwell Keeney as president; he still holds that position.

George E. Keeney was born March 22, 1849, in Manchester. Until thirteen years of age he attended the common schools, and then began work in a woolen factory, being thus employed about five years. For a year after this he attended the Cheshire Military Academy, and he then became associated with his father in the woolen business, with which he has since been identified. He also has important business interests in the city of Hartford. In 1895, upon the formation of the Connecticut Building & Loan Association, Gen. Keeney was elected its first president, sustaining that relation until 1901. In 1899 he succeeded R. B. Parker as president of the Hartford Life Insurance Co., in which incumbency he still serves. The General has several times been the recipient of public honors, and he was a member of the State Senate in 1889-90 and 1893-94. In 1897 he was appointed paymaster-general on the staff of Gov. Cooke. His political affiliation is with the Republican party. The General became a Mason in 1870.

On Aug. 13, 1873, Gen. Keeney married Miss Ellen Denison, of Mystic, Conn., and they have had two children, Elizabeth E. and Raymond G. The daughter is an alumna of Smith College, class of 1897. The son graduated from Yale in 1900.

HENRY GEORGE VARNO, M. D., an able representative of the medical profession successfully engaged in general practice in Thompsonville, was born in St. Julie, Province of Quebec, Canada, May 23, 1850, a son of John Baptiste and Ursula (Blain) Varno, also natives of Canada.

John Baptiste Varno, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Alsace, France, and a pioneer of Quebec, Canada. On the maternal side the Doctor is a descendant of the McLeods and Mortons of Glasgow, Scotland, who were also pioneers of the Province of Quebec. The maternal grandfather served in the English army during the American Revolution. His widow, Kate (Morton), died at Indian Orchard, Mass., in 1889, at the extreme old age of one hundred years. John Baptiste Varno, father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, but for a period of ten years was a resident of

Adams, Mass., where he was employed in one of the largest manufacturing establishments of that place. In 1878 he returned to Canada, where he died ten years later.

The first thirteen years of his life Dr. Varno passed in Canada, and then went to Burlington, Vt., where he attended school for eighteen months. From there he went to Champlain, N. Y., where he pursued his studies in the public schools for five years, and in 1876 located in Adams, Mass., where he was employed as clerk in a general store for several years, during which period he commenced the study of medicine. In 1879 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., where he was graduated in March, 1882. In April, of the same year, he opened an office in Thompsonville, Conn., where he was not long in building up the large and lucrative practice which he still enjoys. He is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine, and skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, have won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.

On Feb. 8, 1869, Dr. Varno married Miss Emeline M. Lobdell, daughter of Ulite and Sque (Smith) Lobdell, of Adams, Mass., and to them have been born eight children, only three of whom now survive: Arthur J., a practicing physician of Rockville, Conn.; Bertha; and George William Ezra. They also have an adopted daughter, Mary E. Socially the Doctor affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters, Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, and the Pilgrims, of Thompsonville. Politically he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and he has taken quite an active part in public affairs, serving as assessor of Enfield in 1894, member of the board of education one year, and justice of the peace four years.

HON. CHARLES HENRY BRISCOE, one of the leading lawyers of Hartford, and for years judge of the court of common pleas of Hartford county, is a representative of one of the oldest New England families.

Judge Briscoe is in the eighth generation from Nathaniel Briscoe, the American ancestor of the family, his line being through Nathaniel (2), Nathaniel (3), James, Lieut. Nathaniel, Isaac and Charles Briscoe.

Edward Briscoe and wife Ann, of England. Edward Briscoe was baptized in Little Messenden, England, July 31, 1569, and died in 1605.

(I) Nathaniel Briscoe, son of Edward Briscoe, was baptized in 1595, and was married to Alice Taylor, a daughter of Henry Taylor. He came to America with his family in 1639, but returned to England in 1651. [Savage has him at Watertown, Mass., a rich tanner and selectman in 1648 and 1650.]

(II) Nathaniel Briscoe (2), son of Nathaniel, was baptized in Little Messenden, England, May 18, 1620. [Savage has him at Cambridge, Mass., in 1639, and says that he probably moved to Milford, Conn., where he was an early settler, without doubt before 1646.]

(III) Nathaniel Briscoe (3), of Milford, Conn., son of Nathaniel (2), was baptized in 1647, married Nov. 29, 1672, Mary Camp, and died in 1690. [Savage names his children as James, born in 1673; Mary, born in 1675; Samuel, born in 1678; Sarah, born in 1681; Abigail, born in 1684; John, born in 1687; and Dinah, born in 1690, and says Nathaniel died the next year.]

(IV) James Briscoe, son of Nathaniel (3), born Aug. 14, 1673, married, June 1, 1699, Elizabeth Adams.

(V) Lieut. Nathaniel Briscoe, son of James, born June 16, 1708, in Milford, Conn., married Eunice Hurd Johnson. He died in July, 1790, and she died Dec. 27, 1838, aged ninety-six years. Lieut. Briscoe removed from Milford to Newtown, Conn., and there passed the rest of his life in farming. He was quite active in public affairs, as the records show that he was selectman of the town for ten years between 1743 and 1778. In 1768 he and Capt. Amos Botsford gave the bell to the Congregational Church at Newtown, which is still in use. Lieut. Briscoe's children were: Eunice, Isaac and Nathaniel.

(VI) Isaac Briscoe, son of Lieut. Nathaniel, born in 1781, died June 26, 1812. In 1801 he married Anna Sherman, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Glover) Sherman, Lewis Sherman being a descendant in the sixth generation from Samuel Sherman, who was born July, 1618, in England, a son of Edmond Sherman, and who came to America in 1634, settling in Stamford, Conn., in 1640. To this marriage were born children as follows. Amy, born June 6, 1802, married, Aug. 10, 1819, William Tomlinson; Lewis, born Aug. 23, 1803, married, Nov. 16, 1824, Jane E. Pettis, and died Jan. 27, 1880; Charles is mentioned further on; Harriet, born Nov. 10, 1806, married, June 5, 1827, Horace B. Dibble; Polly, born April 9, 1808, married, June 1, 1828, David Glover; Sally, born April 2, 1810, married Alonzo C. Frost; and Caroline, born Nov. 16, 1811, married, Dec. 27, 1829, Peter Warren Fairchild.

(VII) Charles Briscoe, son of Isaac Briscoe, born Feb. 7, 1805, married, in 1826, Mary Davidson, of Milford, Conn. He died Nov. 28, 1843, in Newtown, Conn., and she died March 7, 1889, in Enfield, Conn., at the residence of her son, Hon. Charles Henry Briscoe, with whom she had made her home for many years. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a woman of many virtues. Charles Briscoe owned and carried on a tannery in Newtown Street. The Briscoe home was in Newton street, adjoining that of the late Marcus C. Hawley. Mr. Briscoe was a man highly esteemed and respected by the community in which he lived. His children were: Har-

riet, born in September, 1827, married, July 28, 1851, Henry Mygatt, and moved to California; Mary, born in 1830, died at the homestead July 31, 1881; Charles Henry is mentioned farther on; and George Willis, born July 4, 1834, died in Petaluma, Cal., in 1853.

(VIII) Hon. Charles Henry Briscoe, son of Charles Briscoe, was born Dec. 20, 1831, in Newtown, Conn., where his boyhood was passed, and where he received his elementary education. He studied law with Amos S. Treat, and was admitted to the Bar in Fairfield county in 1854. He began the practice of law in the following fall in Enfield, Conn., and has since made his residence in that town. In 1868 he moved his office to Hartford, practicing alone until 1877, and then in partnership with T. M. Maltbie until October, 1881. From January, 1882, to January, 1894, Mr. Briscoe was in partnership in the practice of law with James P. Andrews. In 1857, 1864 and 1878 Mr. Briscoe represented Enfield in the General Assembly, and in the latter year he was Speaker of the House. In 1861 he represented his District in the State Senate, and there served as chairman of the committee on Military Affairs. From 1869 to 1875 he was on the Bench, being the first judge of the court of common pleas for Hartford county, and making an admirable record. His services in the Assembly and Senate were able and valuable to the State. As a lawyer Judge Briscoe ranks high in the profession, and he enjoys a large practice, having for years been in some of the most important cases that have been tried in the State. He is full of energy, and is one of those wiry, restless men who act quickly and move rapidly. He is a genial and affable gentleman, easily approached, and has many friends and acquaintances.

On Nov. 14, 1855, Judge Briscoe was married to Anna J. Traver, of Newark, N. J., who died in March, 1875, and in June, 1878, he married Alice E., daughter of Hon. George W. Bradley, of Newtown, Conn. The children born to the first marriage were: Willis A., Annie T. and Alice M.

(IX) Willis Anson Briscoe, son of Charles Henry Briscoe, was born Dec. 16, 1856. He was graduated at Hartford High School in 1873, and at Yale College in 1877, studied law with T. C. Coogan, Esq., at Thompsonville, Conn., and was admitted to the Bar at Hartford in May, 1879. For nearly a year he was in partnership with James P. Andrews, at Bristol, Conn., and while there the firm wrote, and published, the Index Digest of Connecticut Reports, issued in Hartford in 1883. Mr. Briscoe moved to Norwich, Conn., in 1882, and became associated with Jeremiah Halsey, the connection continuing until Mr. Halsey's death. Mr. Briscoe is still engaged in business as a lawyer there, having a large practice, and ranking high in his profession.

Mr. Briscoe has been twice married, (first) Oct. 3, 1882, to Jessie E. Drew, daughter of George W. and Betsey Cornelia (Munson) Bradley, of Newtown, Conn., the former of whom died in June, 1900, the latter in March, same year. Mrs. Briscoe died July 22, 1885, and for his second wife he married, on Sept. 5, 1888, Leila Rogers, daughter of Henry and Ann E. Smith, of Ridgefield, Conn. She died Jan. 6, 1891, leaving one son, Traver, born Jan. 1, 1891.

MERTON SEYMOUR BUCKLAND, the present well-known and popular postmaster at West Hartford, is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in Elmwood, West Hartford, Feb. 12, 1848.

Leonard Buckland, his father, for many years a prominent business man of West Hartford Center, was born in Center Row, Hartford, Dec. 6, 1812, and was a son of Russell Buckland, who died at the early age of thirty-five years. In 1824, when about twelve years of age, Leonard Buckland was bound out to Samuel Whiting, of West Hartford, and did not see his mother again for over fifty years. He remained with Mr. Whiting until he attained his majority, and then worked for Capt. Flagg, a tanner in West Hartford, continuing to follow that trade for a number of years, and also engaging in shoemaking. On coming to West Hartford Center, in 1856, he embarked in general mercantile business, on the corner of Farmington avenue and Main street, and for thirty-eight years most acceptably served as postmaster at that place, holding the office continuously except during President Cleveland's first administration. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and he ever took quite an active and influential part in public affairs, serving as representative to the State Legislature in 1861 and again in 1887, and as town clerk of West Hartford. He was one of the leading and representative men of his town, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. He attended Unity Church of Hartford during the latter part of his life. Mr. Buckland died Feb. 10, 1895, and was laid to rest in the West Hartford cemetery. Mr. Buckland was married five times, and died a widower. He first married a Miss Brown, while his second wife was Mary K. Seymour, daughter of Horace K. Seymour, of West Hartford. She died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving two children, Merton S. and Mary C., twins, born Feb. 12, 1848, the latter now the wife of J. T. Millard, of West Hartford. For his third wife the father married Caroline Dart; the fourth was Harriet Palmer; and the fifth Mrs. Julia Holt.

Merton S. Buckland began his education in the East District school. The family afterward resided a short time in Hamden, Conn., and Catskill, N. Y., and on his return to West Hartford Center our subject attended the old academy for a time. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's store and the postoffice, continuing thus until his father's death, when he was appointed postmaster by Postmaster-General Bissell, and has since filled that office to the entire satisfaction of the general

public. He was messenger in the State Legislature in 1888-89.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr. Buckland was united in marriage with Miss Addie E. Emmons, a daughter of Noadiah F. and Amelia (Goodman) Emmons, and to this union has been born one son, Frank M., who is a graduate of Harvard College, class of 1900. Mr. Buckland is a prominent Mason, and has, since 1870, been a member of Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M., of which he is now past master; he is a member of Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and is also a member of the Veterans Association. As a citizen he has at all times the good of the community at heart, and his abilities are exerted to make his town and county rank among the best in the State.

SAMUEL MILLS CAPRON. In the death of Samuel Mills Capron, principal of the Hartford Public High School, at his home in Hartford, Jan. 4, 1874, there was closed a career of remarkable usefulness.

Mr. Capron was born May 15, 1832, in Uxbridge, Mass., son of William Cargill and Chloe (Day) Capron, both natives of that town, and descendants of an early New England ancestry. The son received his preparation for college in the Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., then in charge of the late Dr. D. S. Taylor. Later he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1853, in the same class with Andrew D. White, afterward president of Cornell University; Hon. Wayne McVeagh, of Pennsylvania; E. C. Stedman, the poet; and the late Hon. Henry C. Robinson, of Hartford. After his graduation Mr. Capron came to Hartford and was given the management of the Hopkins Grammar School, which then embraced the classical department of the High School. His brother, William B. Capron, had been principal of the latter for about six years. In 1863 Mr. Capron went abroad for a year or more of travel and study. Returning to Hartford in the spring of 1865, he was made principal of the Hartford Public High School, in addition to the Hopkins Grammar School, a position he held most efficiently until the time of his death. His whole life was given to the people of Hartford, in the cause of education, and in the profession he was eminently successful. In his position of instructor in the classical languages Mr. Capron had all the scholars who were fitting for college under his charge for at least one year, and his excellence as a teacher has been reflected in the very creditable position that numbers of them have taken in the various callings of life. Pupils who came under his instruction received the full benefit of his ripe scholarship, and felt the inspiring influence of his own interest in the work. Graduates and scholars alike were ready to profess a peculiar respect and affection for him. The year after he was placed in charge of the school the graduates were three in number; in 1873 they were forty-four. From 1853 to 1874 there were in all 408 graduates from the school, and probably more than five times as many scholars. Under Mr. Capron's careful supervision the reputation of the institution increased until at the time of his death none stood higher among the preparatory schools of the country, and at Yale College it was almost invariably the case that among the best scholars of each class were to be found representatives of this school.

Margaret A. Blythe thus wrote of Mr. Capron as "The Man and the Teacher:"

No one can write of Mr. Capron without fearing that his words will be read like an ideal sketch of the perfect man. Of all the men whose lives were ever written, this is he whom his biographer would least desire to overpraise. Living, he loved the truth, and shunned applause; the voice would be unfriendly that would affront his ashes with a eulogy misplaced. Yet words truly spoken of him, let them be guarded how they may, will seem to praise him out of reason. Nor can one action of his life be named—far less can the sum of his work be reckoned—unless one should speak of that matchless character which his friends would gladly leave to be its own remembrancer; for what he did was the result of what he was; and what he was was still the measure of what he could do. It is not always so. Many a time the teacher, the poet, the preacher, is greater than the man; but he who surpassed other men in so much was above them not least in this, that he was more real in all his qualities than they. His teaching was himself. He was not a teacher of genius, if by genius is meant a development of one faculty at the expense of others. He was great as the head of a school through the same qualities that would have made him great anywhere else. If he had been in business, he would have understood that business so much better than any one else that he would speedily have become necessary to it. If he had been the colonel of a regiment, he would have been deeply feared, passionately loved, and intrepidly followed by his men. If he had been a prime minister, he would have been the mild unconscious autocrat of his cabinet.

Those who most valued Mr. Capron wondered sometimes what it was in him that inspired his scholars with so deep a respect for his abilities. It was not scholarship, for the great mass of them never met him in the class-room. His addresses to the school were remarkable only for their directness and simplicity. It would not be an impression filtering down through the Senior class, always a small and exclusive body. Yet the least and last urchin of the fourth class would speak of him with awe as a "smart man." So far as this estimate is to be ascribed to any one quality in him, it was, doubtless, due to his extraordinary executive faculty. In all the daily exigencies of the school, the thousand and one questions, involving a host of conflicting interests and remote considerations, all endlessly complicated with each other, which came up for the principal's decision, he was never at fault, never flurried, never uncertain.

To all who lived and labored with him, Mr. Capron was a power, a succor and an inspiration. There were those to whom he was something more. No one can fully understand his relations with his teachers who does not know what he became to some of them, when out of long companionship and unbroken faith a cloudless friendship dawned, and in its sunshine the secret sweetness of his nature unfolded leaf by leaf.

These are words, too vain and vague to express the power and meaning of his life. If from his upper sphere one born of a nobler race came down and clasped us, held us a little while in converse, and departed, could we more describe him than to say of his face that it was fair, and of his voice that it was lovely? Only the speech of the

immortals can rightly syllable immortal beauty. That in our friend which was but common and earthly, we may reveal; his diviner part eludes our praise.

In November, 1854, Mr. Capron was married to Miss Eunice M. Chapin, and five children blessed the union, two of whom—Helen Maria and Alice Louise—are now deceased; the others are Clara Day, Bertha Chapin and William Cargill. Mrs. Capron survives. Mr. Capron was a deacon in the Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

TERRY. The Terry family, of Enfield, several members of which came to Hartford and were conspicuous characters through the first half of the century just closed, among whom were Eliphalet, Roderick, Seth and Gen. Nathaniel Terry, the latter a cousin of the three brothers previously named, was one of the many early New England families of character and force. The gentlemen named were descended in the fifth generation from (I) Samuel Terry, of Springfield, Mass., where he appears first about 1654, who in about 1700 removed to Enfield, Conn. He married (first), in 1660, Ann Lobdell.

From this ancestor the Hartford Terrys' line of descent is through Samuel (2), Ephraim, Judge Eliphalet and Nathaniel (Gen. Nathaniel Terry being a son of Nathaniel, and the three brothers—Eliphalet, Roderick and Seth—sons of Judge Eliphalet).

(II) Samuel Terry (2), son of Samuel, born in 1661, married (second), in 1698, some time after the death of his first wife, Martha Credan. He lived in Enfield, and died in 1730; his wife Martha passed away in 1743.

(III) Ephraim Terry, son of Samuel (2), born in 1701, married, in 1723, Ann, born in 1702, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Collins and his wife Alice, daughter of Rev. William Adams, of Dedham, Mass. Ephraim Terry also lived in Enfield, where he died in 1783.

(IV) Judge Eliphalet Terry, son of Ephraim, born in 1742, married, in 1765, Mary Hall. Judge Terry was a man of prominence in his community, and represented Enfield in the State Legislature for thirty-three years, being a member at the time of his death, in 1812. His widow survived until 1833. Their children were: Esther, Simeon, Mary, Mabel, Eliphalet, Lucy, Seth, Abigail and Roderick.

(IV) Nathaniel Terry, son of Ephraim, and brother of Judge Eliphalet, born in 1730, lived and died in Enfield, his death occurring in 1792.

ELIPHALET TERRY, son of Judge Eliphalet, of Enfield, was born Dec. 25, 1776, in Enfield. He came to Hartford and entered the employ, in 1795, of a Mr. Church, in his store, located at the meeting of Main street and the Albany and Windsor roads. He remained in the service of his employer until the latter's death, when he assumed control of the business. He subsequently took his brother Roderick as a partner into the business with him, the firm becoming E. & R. Terry. The house of this firm became the largest of all the Hartford concerns in the West India trade. Eliphalet Terry retired from the business in 1830, with a fortune. He was one of the original subscribers to the Insurance Co., in 1810, holding twenty shares. In 1835 he was chosen president of the company, an office he held through the remainder of his life, and through his wise conduct of the affairs of the company it prospered. Mr. Terry was active in establishing many of the benevolent and philanthropic institutions of Hartford. He was one of the moving forces and large contributors toward the establishment of Dr. Bushnell's Church, and his influence was felt in social, political and religious circles.

Eliphalet Terry was twice married, wedding (first), June 18, 1811, Sally Watson, and (second) Lydia Cost. Mr. Terry died June 5, 1849.

RODERICK TERRY, son of Judge Eliphalet, and brother and business partner of Eliphalet Terry, was born March 2, 1788, in Enfield. He joined his brother in business in Hartford, as set forth in the foregoing, prospered, and was successful. For years their store was one of the landmarks of Hartford. The business of the original house of E. & R. Terry eventually became that of the Keney Brothers, known under the firm name of H. & W. Keney, and at the time of their deaths was the oldest in Hartford. In after years, and subsequent to the retirement of Eliphalet Terry, Roderick changed his business location to State street, where he was engaged in the line of hardware. He was a prominent and influential citizen. He was one of the first board of directors of the Exchange Bank, and its first president and only one until his death (1834 to 1849). He was a member of the common council of the city, and an alderman for several years, and at one time represented the city in the State Legislature. He was one of the directors of the Retreat for the Insane, and a director of the Hartford & New Haven Railroad Co. He was an active member of the old North Church, and for many years chairman of the church committee.

Roderick Terry was twice married, (first) to Harriet, daughter of Rev. John Taylor, and (second) to Lucy, daughter of Dwight Ripley. Mr. Terry died Feb. 9, 1849.

GEN. NATHANIEL TERRY, of Hartford, son of Nathaniel, of Enfield, was born in that town Jan. 20, 1768. He was graduated from Yale College in 1786, became a law student of Hon. Jesse Root, and was admitted to the Bar in 1790. His professional life covered the period from 1796 to 1844. He practiced first in England, then removed to Hartford; was a representative from the latter place in the State Legislature for twelve sessions; was judge of the county court from 1807 to 1809; a member of the XVth Congress from 1817 to 1819; and a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1818. Gen. Terry was also mayor of Hartford from 1824 to 1831. During the prolonged infancy of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., from 1810 to 1835, Gen.

Terry was its president, being succeeded in that incumbency by his cousin, Eliphalet Terry. From 1802 to 1813 he commanded the Governor's Foot Guard of Hartford, manifesting in military display the keenest delight. Six feet four inches tall, erect and imperious, he appeared in uniform the born soldier. From 1819 to 1828 he was president of the Hartford Bank. He had little aptitude for the details of business, but he was a studious and thorough lawyer, devoted to his profession. He died at New Haven June 14, 1844, after a career of striking vicissitudes.

On March 14, 1798, Gen. Terry was married to Catherine, daughter of Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth.

SIMON WILLARD HOUGHTON, M. D. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Our subject is well fitted for the profession which he has chosen as a life work, and his skill and ability have won him a lucrative practice in and around Hazardville, where he is now located.

Dr. Houghton was born in Marlboro, Windham Co., Vt., Jan. 17, 1849, a son of Simon W. and Sarah Ann (Mead) Houghton, whose married life extended over a period of fifty-eight years. The father, who was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1812, is still (1899) living. He continued to make his home in his native place until 1839, and then removed to Marlboro, Vt., where he conducted a blacksmith and machine shop for about ten years. In 1849 he removed to Putney, same State, where he lived forty-nine years, and in 1898 located in Brattleboro, Vt., where he now resides, an honored and highly respected old gentleman. He has in his possession the original deed given by the Indians, in the name of John Ponto, representing the tribe, to John Houghton, the progenitor of the Houghton family in America; it is dated in 1665, and given for land in Lancaster, Mass. The Doctor's paternal grandfather, Timothy Houghton, was born there in 1771, and was married Nov. 22, 1798, to Olive Moor, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Moor. He was a carpenter by trade, and spent his entire life in Lancaster, where his remains were interred.

Dr. Houghton was reared in Putney, Vt., and was provided with excellent educational advantages. He is a graduate of the Leland & Grey Seminary, Townshend, Vt.; and was prepared for college at the preparatory school in Westmoreland, N. H.; spent two years at Dartmouth College; and in 1872 entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1879. The same spring he located at Somers, Conn., remaining there until March 14, 1890, when he came to Hazardville, where he has since been in the active and successful practice of his profession.

On Jan. 17, 1882, Dr. Houghton married Miss Minnie L., daughter of Frederick B. and Delia (Blinn) Little, of Ellington, Conn., and they have one son, Earl. The Doctor is a member of the Congregational Church, in which his father has served as deacon since twenty years of age. Fraternally our subject is a Master Mason, and a member of the Foresters and the O. U. A. M. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a popular physician, and one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of the community in which he lives.

HON. CHARLES H. NORTHAM, whose death occurred Nov. 12, 1881, when he was at the advanced age of eighty-three years, was one of Hartford's very successful business men, an esteemed citizen, and one of the city's great benefactors.

Col. Northam was born in 1797, in the town of Colchester, Conn. He came to Hartford in 1812, as a clerk for Nathan Morgan, who was engaged in the grocery business, remaining and making his home with him for five years. At the expiration of this period young Northam engaged in the same line of business for himself for two years. Following this he became associated as a partner in business with his former employer, the firm doing a grocery business in connection with a West Indian trade. Some five years later the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Northam went into the shipping, forwarding and commission business with M. W. Chapin. This partnership lasted until 1832, from which time each continued in business separately, Mr. Chapin taking the Philadelphia packets, and Mr. Northam the New York and Richmond line. In 1843 Mr. Northam associated with him in business the late James Bolter, the firm becoming C. H. Northam & Co., and so continuing until 1860, when it was dissolved. Two years later Col. Northam retired from business, and was chosen president of the Mercantile National Bank, a position he held with good judgment and ability until his death. Years ago he had been connected with the State banks of Hartford.

Col. Northam was prompt to see the advantages of steam navigation, and became president and treasurer of the old Connecticut River Steamboat Co., owning the boats "Oliver Ellsworth," "Bunker Hill," "New England," and others. By his excellent business qualities, energy and force, he achieved great success in life, and became wealthy, and, not the least of all, he used much of his wealth for grand and noble purposes. He was interested in various corporations, was a director of the Phœnix Fire Insurance Co., the Broad Brook Co., the Connecticut Safe & Trust Deposit Co., and the Hartford & Wethersfield Railway Co. He was a director of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, and also president of the Hartford Hospital. His religious faith was in the Episcopal

Church, and for many years he was a vestryman and warden of Christ Church at Hartford. He later held membership in Trinity Church, of the same city, and was one of the board of education of church scholarship of the society.

In his early and later manhood Mr. Northam was actively interested and prominently connected with the State militia. About 1830 he was captain of the Hartford Artillery Company, known as the Third Company of the Second Regiment, First Brigade, of Connecticut militia; and in about 1835 he served the regiment as lieutenant-colonel, hence the title of Colonel he bore through life. He also figured somewhat in municipal and other public affairs, served as councilman in 1840, and as alderman in 1843 and again in 1850. In 1858 and 1860 he represented Hartford in the State Legislature.

The Northam Memorial Chapel and Northam Hall, at Trinity College, stand as monuments to the noble impulses and liberality of Col. Northam, who also added to his gift a legacy providing for the endowment of a professorship, and an additional $75,000 to the general funds of the college. The sum total of his gifts, together with a legacy from his widow, does not fall far short of a quarter of a million of dollars. Mrs. Northam gave to the Hartford City Hospital $46,000. Col. Northam made feasible, in 1881, the Old People's Home, an institution in connection with the Hartford Hospital, by a gift of $50,000, the Home being opened in 1884. This, located on Jefferson street, is one of the noteworthy structures of the city. Mr. Northam was president of the Hospital from 1877 to 1881, the time of his death. He also gave liberally to the Hartford Library.

In 1828 Mr. Northam was married to Miss Susan Risley, of East Hartford, who survived him. They had no children of their own, but adopted as a daughter their niece, Louise Maria, who was born Sept. 1, 1828, and on Jan. 16, 1849, became the wife of William Henry Lee, of New York City. Mr. Lee was born May 19, 1818, in New Britain, Conn., and died April 9, 1895. He passed his closing years in Hartford. This union was blessed with children as follows: Charles N., Thomas G., William Henry, Grace, Frederick H., Robert Lincoln, and Louisa Maria.

WILLIAM HENRY WRIGHT (deceased), who at the time of his death was general superintendent of the E. Ingraham Co.'s factories at Bristol, was a native of that town, born Feb. 24, 1861, of good old New England stock.

James Wright, the first of whom we have mention, was in all probability of English ancestry, although with some of the Wright family the impression prevails that they are of Scottish descent. Nothing, however, can be found to substantiate that belief. The first mention of this James Wright is found in the Congregational Church records of Milford. He married Hannah Sanford, of that place, and their children, according to one authority, were: James, baptized Sept. 29, 1700; Margery, baptized Feb. 25, 1705; and Mary, baptized March 7, 1707. According to another authority the children were: Jonathan [place and date of birth unknown]; James, born in Milford in 1700; Margery, born in Milford in 1705; Mary, born in Milford in 1707; Joseph, born in Durham Nov. 1, 1713; and Ebenezer, born in Durham in 1716. The mother of this family died in Durham March 11, 1716. By his second wife, Bethia, James Wright had children as follows, all born in Durham: Samuel, 1718; Daniel, 1723; Samuel, 1725; Hannah and Sarah (twins), 1727; and Abigail, 1729. In 1707 the boundary line was run between the towns of Guilford and Durham. The Guilford committee consisted of John Fowler, Daniel Evarts and Andrew Ward, while the Durham committee were Caleb Seward and James Wright.

Joseph Wright, Sr. (above), born Nov. 1, 1713, was baptized the day of his birth. He married Eleanor Seward, and names and dates of birth of their children are: Eleanor, 1740; Margery, 1742; Joseph, Jr., May 6, 1744; David, 1747; and Helen, 1754.

Joseph Wright, Jr., was born in Durham, and baptized the day of his birth. He was admitted to the church Sept. 21, 1766; took the oath of fidelity to the State of Connecticut Sept. 16, 1777, and was made a freeman the same day. He was twice married, (first) in Durham, Dec. 17, 1767, to Mrs. Sarah Watrous, widow of Eber Watrous, of Durham, and a daughter of Timothy Bishop. She was born in Guilford, Conn., April 22, 1741, and died in Durham Jan. 5, 1776. For his second wife Joseph Wright, Jr., wedded Dec. 27, 1776, Anna Camp, of Durham. Children by first marriage: Sally, born Dec. 3, 1769; Ichabod, Feb. 27, 1773; and Luce, Dec. 21, 1775. Children by second marriage: Seymour, Sept. 27, 1779; Nancy, July 26, 1781; Eunice, Oct. 9, 1783; Harvey, May 20, 1786 (see farther on); Israel Camp, Nov. 26, 1788; Elizur, Dec. 25, 1791; and Anna, Aug. 21, 1796.

Seymour Wright, great-grandfather of our subject, served as a private in the war of 1812, from Sept. 8 to Nov. 5, 1814. He married a lady named Tisdale, and had one son, William Tisdale.

William Tisdale Wright, grandfather of our subject, was a tinsmith by trade, his shop and residence being located on Main street, Bristol, where for many years he carried on a lucrative business. He died June 30, 1876, an earnest church worker and a model citizen. His children by his first wife, Catherine Maria (Gale), who was born in Wallingford, were: Henry D., who was killed at the battle of Irish Bend (his name is on the soldiers monument in West cemetery, Bristol); and Charles Gale, father of our subject. For his second wife William T. Wright wedded Patience Babbitt, who survived him; by this marriage there was no issue.

Charles Gale Wright, born Dec. 6, 1836, was a tinsmith by trade, which he followed in Bristol, working for his father many years. He married Sarah F. Stone, of Farmington, Conn., and they have had children as follows: Nettie A., Mrs. Walter Austin, of Stamford, Conn.; William H., our subject; Harry C., of Bristol; Bernice M., Mrs. James McGinnis, of Bristol; Arthur T., of Bristol; and Louis W., of Hopedale, Massachusetts.

William H. Wright, whose name appears at the opening of this biography, was educated at District School No. 3, and at the age of sixteen years commenced learning the tinner's and steam-fitter's trade in his father's shop, remaining there until he was twenty-four years old. He then went to work for the Welch Spring Co., manufacturers of clocks in Bristol (the factory being where is now the Codling Mfg. Co.), having a contract with them; but at the end of a year he left there and went to the E. Ingraham Co., commencing as a driller at $1.50 per day. Remaining some three or four months in that position, he then became millwright for about one year, after which he was given charge of the enameling department some four years. For the succeeding five years or so he was superintendent of the movement department, and on April 1, 1895, he was made superintendent of the entire factory, which gives employment to some six hundred hands. He filled that position ably until his untimely death, Nov. 16, 1900, after an illness of only ten days, from blood poisoning.

On Nov. 8, 1887, Mr. Wright married Nellie Florence Perkins, who was born June 1, 1867, only daughter of Merwin Henry and Sabria Estelle (Buck) Perkins, of Bristol, and children as follows blessed their union: Wilhelmina Margaret, born Aug. 9, 1894; and Wilmart Buck, born March 29, 1897. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Prospect M. E. Church, of which Mr. Wright was also a member, and a trustee for nine years. Politically he was a Republican, and for eight years was a member of the town Republican committee. Socially he affiliated with Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M.; Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P.; and Reliance Council, Royal Arcanum, all of Bristol.

Harvey Wright, son of Joseph (Jr.) and Anna Wright, was married Nov. 10, 1815, to Esther Crissey, daughter of Gould Crissey, granddaughter of John and Martha (Davenport) Crissey, and a descendant in the sixth generation of Rev. John Davenport, founder of the Colony of New Haven. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright died in Bristol, he on June 28, 1858, she on Oct. 30, 1844. He came to Bristol as a manufacturer of old-time wooden clock movements. The tools he required were not complicated, neither did he require a large factory. A good jackknife, a file, a saw, also a turning lathe and, possibly, a "fiddle-bow drill," completed his outfit. Thus equipped, he commenced manufacturing in a small shop which stood near the Main street bridge, where is now to be seen the old blacksmith shop, on the Pequaback river. In course of time another man started in the same line of business, and reduced the price to such an extent that Mr. Wright had to abandon the enterprise, and, moving his shop farther down the river, to near the next bridge, he carried on a wood-turning business for several years. The pond is yet there, just as it was over half a century ago, and on the south bank are several large willow trees which grew from twigs planted by Harvey's son, Filbert Leander, when a boy. Harvey Wright was a firm believer in the principle of perpetual motion, and spent a great deal of time during the latter part of his life on his "hobby," but it went the way of all "perpetuals." It is further said of him that he was one of the best rifle shots in the States. He was society clerk of the Bristol Baptist Church Dec. 4, 1806. His wife, Esther, had an exceedingly interesting ancestry, being of the sixth generation from Rev. John Davenport, whose ancestry dates back in the nineteenth generation to Ormus de Davenporte, born in the year 1080 in the County of Chester, England. Her father, Gould Crissey, belonged to the Connecticut militia, and his name appears on the list of pensioners for the sum of $23.33 per annum, when he was seventy-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had children as follows: Filbert Leander, born Nov. 18, 1816; Julius, born March 23, 1821; a son, born in 1830, who died aged six months, eight days; and Benjamin Franklin, born Aug. 25, 1834.

Filbert Leander Wright was married Dec. 31, 1848, to Sabrina H. Merrill, daughter of Zebulon Merrill, of New Hartford, and granddaughter of Jerijah Merrill, of "Lexington Alarm" fame, soldier and hero. Their children were Florence Esther, born Jan. 9, 1850, who married Wilfred E. Fogg, of Bristol, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; Frank Merrill, born July 30, 1854; and Wilbur Leslie, born July 18, 1856. When a boy Filbert Leander Wright came to Bristol from Southington with his parents, and was employed to ride horseback on the old canal tow-path from Southington to New Haven and return. After leaving school he worked for a time at clock-making, and he invented many improvements in clock-making machinery, which greatly facilitated the manufacture. Also, at one time, with others, he was engaged in the manufacture of hoopskirts, or crinoline, the factory for which was located just over the first knoll on Main street. On retiring from this industry he worked for a time at hardening and tempering springs, after which he commenced the study of dentistry with Dr. Wales A. Candee, they becoming partners in the profession for over twenty years, under the firm name of Candee & Wright. After the death of Dr. Candee Dr. Wright continued the business for some years alone, but finally took into partnership Lora W. Robinson, a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental School, the firm name being Wright & Robinson.

The partnership was brought to an abrupt end by the tragic death of Dr. Wright, on the afternoon of Oct. 2, 1886. While walking over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railorad, at the Main street crossing, a switch engine backed down upon him, and he was instantly killed. He was a man of profound reflection, well acquainted with the Bible, and was familiar with almost any topic. He was honest to a fault, benevolent and extremely kind, and devoted to his family.

HON. EPHRAIM BRIDGE, one of the most reliable and highly esteemed citizens of the town of Enfield, now residing in the village of Hazardville, was born in Milton, County of Kent, England, Sept. 2, 1840.

John and Mary (Prickett) Bridge, his parents, brought their family to America in 1842, and located in Enfield, Hartford Co., Conn., where the father was employed as a packer in the Hazard Powder Mills for about three years, and for the following four years was engaged in the fish and yeast business in Thompsonville. About 1850 he erected the store in Hazardville now occupied by E. C. Allen, and engaged in general merchandising there until 1870, when he retired from business to enjoy a well-earned rest. He was born July 3, 1806, and died April 21, 1873, while his wife was born Sept. 10, 1802, and died Jan. 15, 1871. Of their nine children, seven reached years of maturity: George, John W., Ruth (wife of Rev. Henry D. Adams), Amos D., Ephraim, Ebenezer, and Stephen. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Robert Bridge, was a fish and oyster man of Milton, England; his wife was Elizabeth Down. His father, John Bridge, was a manufacturer of marine supplies at Milton; he married Anna Gallahawk. John was a son of Stephen Bridge, who started the marine supply business later carried on by his son. Stephen died in 1782, John in 1803, and Robert in 1849. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Thomas Prickett, of Faversham, England, married Elizabeth Smith. He was a farmer by occupation, and a son of Thomas Prickett, a shoemaker by trade, who died in Dover, England, in 1781.

Ephraim Bridge grew to manhood in Enfield, and was educated in the common schools and the Suffield Literary Institute. During the Civil war he enlisted, Aug. 7, 1862, in Company F, 22d Conn. V. I., becoming second sergeant, was promoted to first sergeant in February, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service July 7, 1863. On his return home he engaged in general merchandising, as a member of the firm of J. Bridge & Son, in Hazardville, of which firm he had become a member while in the service, continuing that business until 1878, and later was for several years connected with the American Paper Barrel Co., of Hartford; during this time he was also at work on various inventions, as he possesses considerable ability along that line. He is the inventor of a paper barrel cover of compressed pulp, and has two patents for type, one of compressed wood, the other of compressed pulp. Since 1889 he has been in the employ of Gordon Brothers, shoddy manufacturers of Scitico.

On Oct. 24, 1867, Mr. Bridge was united in marriage with Miss Jeannette Gordon, a daughter of William and Jean (Bauchop) Gordon, of Enfield, and they have become the parents of two sons: George Bennett and David Amos. Mr. Bridge and his wife are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hazardville, of which he is one of the trustees, and socially he is a member of Samuel Brown Post, No. 56, G. A. R. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and he most ably represented Enfield town in the State Legislature during the session of 1875. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong, and he has the respect and confidence of the entire community in which he has so long made his home.

JEREMIAH MERWIN ALLEN was born May 18, 1833, in Enfield, son of Jeremiah V. Allen, and is a member of an old and prominent New England family. He was married at Ellington, Conn., April 10, 1856, to Hattie S. Griswold, who was born March 30, 1833, in Washington, Conn., daughter of Hermon C. and Mary A. (Wheaton) Griswold. Children were born to this marriage as follows: Frederick M., born Dec. 2, 1857, in Hartford, died Jan. 20, 1858; Lizzie T. was born April 7, 1859, in Hartford; and William H. was born Nov. 12, 1864, in Hartford. Jeremiah M. Allen has been for thirty or more years president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co.

DAVID JOSEPH FERGUSON, a prominent merchant of Scitico, was born in Esopus, Ulster Co., N. Y., Nov. 29, 1858, a son of Lawrence and Anna (McMinnoney) Ferguson, natives of Ireland. His father came to America in the early 'forties, locating in Ulster county, N. Y., where he engaged in farming, and where he still resides.

Our subject was reared in Ulster county, N. Y., and received a good common-school education. At the age of eighteen years he began his business life as an employe in the powder mills at Passaic, N. J., where he remained one year, subsequently working for the same company three and one-half years in Ulster county, N. Y. For six months Mr. Ferguson was then engaged as salesman in a general store in Rosendale, Ulster Co., N. Y., resigning that position and coming to Hazardville, Hartford Co., Conn., in 1881, securing at once employment in the mills of the Hazard Powder Co., and remaining with them four years. In 1885 Mr. Ferguson embarked in the meat business at Hazardville, continuing same

successfully up to 1898. Since September of that year he has kept a grocery and meat market at Scitico, where he is doing a thriving business, being the leading merchant of that village.

On Nov. 15, 1882, Mr. Ferguson married Anne E., daughter of Eliakim and Myra (Raymond) Root, of Hazardville. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Ethel E. Mr. Ferguson is a prominent member of the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the K. of C. and the Foresters. In politics he is a Democrat, and he ranks as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Hartford county.

SAMUEL F. JONES. In the death of Mr. Jones, at his home on Farmington avenue, Hartford, Sept. 28, 1891, there passed away a noted man, one of Connecticut's best-known and successful criminal lawyers, always a unique figure in Hartford. He was the son of Samuel Jones, of Marlboro, a prominent citizen of that town, and was born there in 1827. He fitted for college and entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, in the class of 1847, a famous class in that college, among his classmates being Hon. Cornelius Cobb, ex-United States senator from California; the late Prof. Alexander Winchell; Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of New York; Orange Judd and ex-Gov. Briggs of Delaware.

Mr. Jones did not graduate, but left college during his junior year. For a year or two he taught school, and then in 1849 he began the study of law in the office of the late Gov. Hubbard. He was admitted to the Bar in 1851, and from that time on practiced law in Hartford. In 1853 he was clerk of the Superior court, holding the office for one year. In 1866 he was judge of the city police court. He was a member of the Legislature for Hartford in the sessions of 1873 and 1874, and during both terms was on the Judiciary committee.

JOHN F. O'HEAR, a prominent and successful merchant of Thompsonville, was born in the town of Enfield May 21, 1852, a son of Hugh and Agnes (McGinnis) O'Hear, natives of Ireland and Scotland, respectively.

Arthur O'Hear, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and his wife was an English lady. He was editor of a Fenian paper in the early part of the last century, and on account of some of his writings was compelled to leave Ireland, locating in Canada, where his death occurred. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Peter McGinnis, was a native of Scotland, was a resident of Enfield for several years, and died there in 1856. Hugh O'Hear, our subject's father, was a refiner of saltpeter, and for twenty-five years was in the employ of the Hazard Powder Co., at Hazardville, Hartford county. He retired from the business in 1874, and died in Thompsonville in 1882, at the age of seventy-two years. In his family were eight children who reached years of maturity: Patrick, Agnes (Mrs. David Crombie), James, Maggie (Mrs. John Cusick), Matilda, John Francis, Mary E. (Mrs. John Wallace) and William.

The subject of this review was reared in Hazardville, and received his education in the common schools of that place. He commenced his business life as a brussels weaver, and also served an apprenticeship of three years to the machinist's trade. In 1885 he embarked in the grocery business at Thompsonville, and is now one of the most successful merchants of that place, carrying a large and well selected stock of goods, and receiving from the public a liberal patronage.

Mr. O'Hear has been twice married, first to Julia, daughter of John and Julia (Moquin) Lowrie, of Enfield. To them were born four children: Bertha, Gertrude, Agnes and Hugh. His second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Lizzie Ashe, a daughter of James Ashe, of Thompsonville, and two children have been born of this union: Francis and Mary M.

An industrious, enterprising and progressive citizen, Mr. O'Hear has become one of the well-to-do and substantial business men of Thompsonville, and has been prominently identified with its public affairs. He is now serving his fourth term as one of the selectmen of Enfield, and is also a member of the board of relief. The Democratic party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles, and he does all in his power for its success. Religiously he is a Catholic, and fraternally a member of the Knights of Columbus.

ALVAN PINNEY HYDE was born March 10, 1825, at Stafford, Tolland Co., Conn., son of Alvan and Sarah (Pinney) Hyde, and a descendant of a family which was one of the first at Hartford and Norwich.

Mr. Hyde was prepared for College at the Monson (Mass.) Academy, and was graduated from Yale College with honor in 1845. After his graduation he read law under the direction of the late Judge Loren P. Waldo, then of Tolland, and was admitted to the Bar in 1847. He began the practice of law at Stafford, later removing to Tolland. He was chosen a representative from Tolland in the General Assembly in 1854, 1858, and 1863. He was the candidate of the Democratic party for Congress in the three hotly contested campaigns from 1858 to 1862, but failed to secure election. In 1863 or 1864 he removed to Hartford, where he and Judge Waldo formed a partnership for the practice of law, to which firm three years later was admitted the late Richard D. Hubbard, the firm then becoming Waldo, Hubbard & Hyde. Charles E. Gross was admitted to the firm in 1877, and on the death of Judge Waldo, in 1881, William Waldo Hyde and Frank E. Hyde, sons of Mr. Hyde, were admitted, the style of the firm becoming Hubbard, Hyde & Gross. At the death of Gov. Hubbard the firm was again changed, this time to Hyde, Gross & Hyde. In the summer of 1893 Frank E. Hyde was appoint-

ed United States consul at Lyons, and withdrew from the firm, and in his place was substituted Arthur L. Shipman.

Alvan P. Hyde on removing to Hartford gave himself with great zeal and industry to the practice of law, and for many years declined nomination for office. He had been a member of the National Convention which nominated Buchanan, and was also a member of the Convention at Chicago that nominated Cleveland. In the "Judicial History of Connecticut," one of the editors of which is Hon. Dwight Loomis, Mr. Hyde is referred to as follows:

As a general practitioner he hardly had a superior at the Bar. He had no specialty, though his marvelous faculty in unwinding the tangled threads of business complications might have made him one of the greatest mercantile lawyers in the country. His mind was so versatile, and his equipment so complete, that he was fitted for every style of forensic contest. He was always found a trusty and competent leader, a sturdy, skillful and dangerous antagonist. Patient and fearless, with that grand physique which defied fatigue, never too elated and never discouraged, insensible to ill omens, he never faltered till an irresistible judgment barred his way. He was one of the great leaders of the Connecticut Bar, and no lawyer through nearly half a century of struggle and strife in courts ever carried himself more manfully, more generously, more honorably, or left fewer rankling wounds behind. He was a man of great, kind heart, with liberal judgment of others, a rare good fellowship, and simple honesty of soul which needed no sensitive moral sensibilities since it was not open to temptation, with a strong relish of the pure airs of truth and justice, and a deep-seated love for home, friends and country.

Mr. Hyde became a Mason in 1858, having been initiated into Ariel Lodge, at Merrow Station, in Tolland county. He became Grand Master of the Connecticut Grand Lodge in 1862, and was reelected in 1863. He became a thirty-second degree Mason. In the latter part of his life he and his wife traveled somewhat extensively in this country and abroad.

On Sept. 12, 1849, Mr. Hyde was married to Frances E. Waldo, born March 21, 1831, daughter of the late Judge Loren P. Waldo. Mr. Hyde's death occurred Feb. 6, 1894, and at a meeting of the Bar called on that occasion the following resolutions were presented by Hon. Henry C. Robinson and unanimously adopted.

In the death of Hon. Alvan Pinney Hyde the Bar has lost an eminent lawyer. Nature equipped him for usefulness. His frame was strong and stalwart, his intellect penetrating and logical, and his moral character honest and sound. Study and culture developed his natural powers. A long career of honorable practice carried him to the front rank of the profession, and its most important activities, whence he retired for a few months of sickness, and died. He was faithful to his client and his cause, and his own conscience as well, from the first hour of examination until the last decree of the court was registered. If he succeeded he was generous, if he lost he was brave. In consideration of his associates he had no superior, in dealing with his opponent he was always fair. His broad outfit for professional achievement made him a favorite counselor and advocate in large interests, but he was never deaf to the inquiry nor reluctant to serve the cause of the humble client. He won his victories by direct and open attack; he had no use for indirection or intrigue. No problem of logic puzzled his reflection, and no crisis confused his perception. His knowledge of jurisprudence was reinforced in furnishing a good lawyer or a good judge, a fine sense of that natural justice which underlies the written law of statutes and constitution. He was fair to a witness, for he was full of kindness. Aggressive in his assertions of a righteous cause, he delighted to fight fraud and tyranny, but he had only sympathy for the unfortunate and weak. He loved the law and his love was returned. His name and his life are woven into the records of our courts for the last forty years.

In business circles he was influential and useful. He was skilled in banking, insurance and bookkeeping. He was fearless and upright in public life. As a friend he was true, as a husband, father and brother, he was tender and self-sacrificing. His genial presence was a jog to companionship. He brought much sunlight and no darkness to social life. He was full of hope. He believed in man, individually and socially, and for synicism and pessimism neither his head nor his heart had any harbor. His career was successful and honorable. We remember him and will remember him with great respect, admiration and love. We will attend his funeral in a body, and the clerk of the Bar will enter this minute upon our records and transmit a copy of it to his family.

The children of Alvan P. and Frances E. (Waldo) Hyde are: (1) Hon. William Waldo Hyde was born March 25, 1854, was graduated from the Hartford High school in 1872, and from Yale College in 1876; he was admitted to the Bar in 1878, and not long thereafter was admitted to the law firm which became Hubbard, Gross & Hyde, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession with increased success. He was married Dec. 1, 1877, to Helen E., daughter of the late George W. Watson, of Hartford, and to the union were born children—Elizabeth H., Oct. 17, 1878; and Alban W., Aug. 21, 1880. (2) Hon. Frank E. Hyde was born Jan. 21, 1858, and was graduated from Yale College in 1879, entered the law school in 1881, and he was admitted to the Bar at Hartford at the May term of court, 1881; he became a member of the law firm of Hyde, Gross & Hyde. Mr. Hyde was married, Oct. 20, 1881, to Carrie A., daughter of the late Hon. Julius L. Strong, of Hartford.

TUDOR GOWDY, the popular and efficient postmaster at Thompsonville, was born in Westfield, Mass., July 9, 1857, a son of Charles H. and Cynthia (Upson) Gowdy, who were both of Puritan stock. The paternal grandfather, Tudor Gowdy, a farmer by occupation, was a native of Somerville, Conn., where he spent his entire life. He was a son of Robert Gowdy, and a grandson of Samuel Gowdy, both lifelong residents of Somerville. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Willis and Harriet (Allyn) Upson, of Westfield, Mass. Charles H. Gowdy, the father, grew to manhood in Somerville, Conn., but for a period of thirty-five years, from 1853 until 1888, was engaged in general merchandising in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Tudor Gowdy, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Westfield, and was educated in the public schools of that place. In 1876 he

became interested in general merchandising with his father, continuing thus until the retirement of the latter, in 1888. In 1891 he came to Thompsonville, Hartford Co., Conn., where he served as clerk in the post office until 1897, when he was appointed postmaster, a position he has since filled with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public.

On Nov. 11, 1899, Mr. Gowdy was united in marriage with Miss Agnes G. Smith, a daughter of Robert and Agnes Smith, of Thompsonville, formerly of Scotland, and of this union one son has been born, Edwin Tudor.

Mr. Gowdy is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and is now interested in several successful enterprises, having been secretary of the Thompsonville Board of Trade since its organization in 1895; a director and vice-president of the Thompsonville Trust Co.; a director of the New England Machine Screw Co.; and a director of the Enfield Electric Light & Power Co. He has made good use of his opportunities in life, has prospered from year to year, and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, displaying in all his acts an aptitude for successful management. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN STODDARD KIRKHAM has been an important factor in the public affairs of Newington for many years, and has been honored with a number of official positions of trust and responsibility. His fidelity to every trust reposed in him is above question, and he is regarded as one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of the town.

Mr. Kirkham was born in Newington April 6, 1826, and is one of a family of nine children—four sons and five daughters—of William and Sophia (Leffingwell) Kirkham. The father was born March 19, 1788, near where our subject now lives, and was married Nov. 30, 1815. By occupation he was a clothier in early life. Later he engaged in school teaching for thirty years, in Newington, Wethersfield, Farmington, Hartford, Windsor, and Springfield, Mass. He died Oct. 6, 1868, and his wife, who was born July 27, 1796, departed this life Nov. 14, 1880.

John Kirkham, grandfather of our subject, was born in Newington Nov. 5, 1760, and at the age of eighteen enlisted as a musician in the Revolutionary war, in company with his brother Samuel and father. All served until the war ended. The brother afterward removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., where he died, and where his descendants still live. The grandfather of our subject married Jeanette Stoddard. His father, Henry Kirkham, was born in Wethersfield Sept. 1, 1728, and his grandfather, Henry Kirkham, Sr., was also a native of Wethersfield. The progenitor of the family in America was Thomas Kirkham, a native of England, who settled in Wethersfield, his name appearing on the town records as early as 1640.

The Kirkham family is an old and prominent one of England, and the following is taken from a description of Kirkham Chantry, in Paington Church, England. The tomb of the Kirkham family is within the Chantry, ornamented with their armorial bearings, with the cross and crown, and the motto, *Spes et Corona.* They had their seat in Blagdon, but their more ancient place of residence was Ashcombe, under Haldon Hill. They were possessed of this property in the time of Henry III, and probably much earlier, and they continued to be its lords for four hundred years after the time of that monarch. The Kirkhams intermarried with many noble and distinguished families, and two of them filled the office of high sheriff of Devonshire the last of these being Sir John Kirkham, who was high sheriff in 1523. He was a very liberal benefactor to the town of Honiton, and he appropriated large revenues to the support of a chapel in the town, and also to other charitable purposes. Prince says that "he died and lieth interred in the aisle of the south side of the parish church of Paington aforesaid belonging to the family, in which I can meet with no inscriptions on their tombs that preserve any of their memories. Only on the transverse wall which separated the aisle from the Church are several statues and figures of men finely carved in stone, standing, which are undoubtedly intended as the representations of this honorable tribe, and most likely one is of the gentleman last mentioned, although of whom in particular I cannot say, nor have I met any one who are able to inform me."

John S. Kirkham, our subject, was reared on his father's farm, and attended the common schools during such portions of the year as he might be conveniently spared from farm work for that purpose. His education was completed in the Springfield High School and the Newington Academy. In 1849 he went to California, being one of the pioneer band of argonauts organized in Hartford by Major Horace Goodwin, C. G. Smith, Joseph Pratt, and others. The executive committee having charge of the trip was composed of Dr. Samuel Brown, surgeon; Roman M. Butler, treasurer; Orris Sellew, captain; Charles C. Richmond; and John S. Kirkham, our subject, chairman. Each man paid $300, and a vessel was purchased. The voyage was a pleasant one, but on account of heavy winds they were obliged to go around the Horn. They left on April 11, 1849, and arrived in California Oct. 6. Mr. Kirkham was away just two years to the hour. While in the Golden State he was chosen a member of the board of managers, and also clerk of El Dorado county, in 1850. He had saved $500 before going to California, but had only $100 remaining when he returned home, though he gained some valuable experience in the gold regions.

Since his return our subject has lived on the old homestead uninterruptedly, and has success-

fully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He first married Harriet Prudence Atwood, a daughter of Josiah and Prudence (Kellogg) Atwood. She died in 1882, and was buried in Newington. Four children were born of that union: Frances Harriet, born Sept. 17, 1860, is now the wife of Henry L. Kellogg, of Newington. Thomas Atwood, born March 7, 1862, is connected with the Berkshire Mills Co., and is a dealer in fertilizers in Bridgeport, Conn. John Henry, born April 13, 1865, is a lawyer of New Britain, Conn.; he married Lillian West, of Brooklyn, by whom he has one child, John West. Mary Atwood, born July 15, 1866, is the wife of Roderick W. Hine, of Dedham, Conn., where he is superintendent of the public schools; they have three children, Paul Roderick, Harold Kirkham and Grace Eleanore. For his second wife Mr. Kirkham married Miss Mary Kellogg Atwood, a sister of his first wife.

As one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his community, Mr. Kirkham has been called upon to fill numerous offices. He has served as justice of the peace since 1855, and when the town of Newington was set off from Wethersfield, in 1871, he was chosen town clerk, which position, with the exception of three years, he has filled for twenty-five years. From 1866 till 1898 he was a member of the board of school visitors, and most of the time acting visitor. In addition to these offices of trust he has held that of treasurer of the State board of agriculture for ten years. He was a leader in the farmers' organization a few years ago, to contest the claims of the Granite Agricultural Works of Lebanon, N. H., growing out of fraudulent notes. He has always been a stanch defender of the farmers' rights, and a leading spirit in the local and State Grange, at present holding the office of chaplain in the same. He is even more active in the support of agricultural interests than in the interests of the Democratic party, with which he affiliated until the Bryan campaign of 1896. In 1878 he represented Newington in the Lower House of the General Assembly, and ten years later was elected State senator from the Second senatorial district. Mr. Kirkham has been a consistent member and clerk of the Congregational Church in Newington for many years, and occupies an influential position in all local religious affairs. He is held in the highest esteem by his neighbors, and is a man whose opinions are sought on any subject for the advancement of the town's interests. He is self-reliant, strong to execute whatever he plans, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

WALTER SCOTT CASE, the popular postmaster of Canton Center, is one of the prominent citizens of that town. He belongs to an old family of Barkhamsted, Conn., and one whose members have been substantial land owners.

Humphrey Case, our subject's great-grandfather, was one among the first settlers of the town of Barkhamsted, Conn., and lived in a log house which stood about one mile east of what in the early history of the settlement was called Hitchcockville, and later Riverton. He married a Miss Carrington, from Vermont, and to the union were born twelve or thirteen children. Mr. Case was a thrifty farmer, and became a large land owner, giving to each of his children a home and land.

Harlow Case, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer and lived on the old homestead, owning a large tract of land in the town. He married Lola Adams, of his town, by whom he had the following children: Diana, Marsha, Edwin, Marlow, Melissa, and Granville, of whom Edwin, Marlow and Granville are now deceased.

Edwin Case, the father of our subject, born March 20, 1829, received a good common-school education, and taught for some time in Barkhamsted, his native town. But not desiring to make teaching his life vocation he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed more or less throughout his later years in connection with farming. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party. He served for several years as first selectman of his town, and in 1877 as representative in the State Legislature, and was highly esteemed in his community. He died at his home in Barkhamsted in the fall of 1894, his remains being interred in Barkhamsted Center cemetery. His wife, Adaline, who is still living, is daughter of Elliott Talmadge, of Barkhamsted, Conn., a deacon in the Congregational Church. Mrs. Case is a member of the Congregational Church. They had the following children: Angie, who married Frank Belden, of East Canaan; Walter Scott, our subject; Elliott T., who resides in Waterbury; Herman, a store-keeper of Fairhaven; and George, a resident of Waterbury.

Walter Scott Case was born in Barkhamsted Oct. 28, 1859, and is a thoroughly self-made man. Having previously received a good education in the district school and the high school near his home, at the age of seventeen he started out in life for himself, and secured employment in a rule shop at Riverton, Conn., and for about thirteen years was occupied in that business. Later he became interested in electric light plants, and went to Middletown, Conn., and engaged in that business In 1893 he and John Mays bought out the interest of George Lamphier, a merchant of Canton Center, and for three years continued in partnership. Mr. Mays then sold out, and Mr. Case has since been sole owner of the business. In church matters Mr. Case is liberal, also in politics. He has been the regular postmaster of Canton Center since 1898, and for five years previously had served as acting postmaster. Socially he is identified with the A. F. & A. M., Amos Beecher Lodge, of New Hartford, the A. O. U. W., of Middletown, and the Knights of the Maccabees, of Collinsville.

On May 22, 1890, Mr. Case was married to Miss Susie A., daughter of Rollin Church, of Gran-

by, Conn., and they have four children, namely: Raymond, born May 1, 1891; Beatrice, Nov. 17, 1892; Gordon, Jan. 6, 1896; and Byron, Oct. 7, 1898.

WARREN OZIAS GRISWOLD. There are few men more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this biography, who is passing the later years of his life in retirement from active labor at his pleasant home in West Hartford. His has been a useful career, in which he has established himself in the esteem and confidence of those who know him.

Mr. Griswold was born in West Hartford May 16, 1838, and has lived in his present residence since three months old. His father, Chester Griswold, was born in the same town Jan. 5, 1805, and was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. At the age of twelve years he lost his father, and the responsibility of carrying on the farm devolved upon him. With his mother and other children he removed to a farm at the corner of Fern and Main streets, and there made his home for some time. On May 11, 1828, in West Hartford, he married Miss Armina Palmer, daughter of David Palmer. She died Aug. 25, 1864, and he departed this life June 11, 1883, honored and respected by all who knew them. They had eight children: (1) Watson C., born June 24, 1829, died Jan. 22, 1831. (2) Lucy J., born July 21, 1830, died Feb. 16, 1831. (3) Thomas C., born Jan. 9, 1832, died April 9, 1835. (4) James H., born March 6, 1834, died March 31, 1835. (5) Sarah E., born Feb. 20, 1836, was married Oct. 29, 1856, to Julius P. Elmer now deceased, and she died June 10, 1878. Her children were Mary, wife of Harvey Cole, of Wolcott, Conn.; Lillian, wife of Wallace Dean, of Bloomfield; Delia, wife of Samuel Shepherd, of Bloomfield; Alice, wife of Albert Watkins, of Bloomfield; and Arthur, a resident of New Haven. (6) Warren O., our subject, is next in the order of birth. (7) George A., born Oct. 9, 1843, died April 8, 1867. (8) Ellen E., born Feb. 9, 1850, was married April 17, 1888, to Albert G. Pierpont, of Litchfield, Connecticut.

Reared upon the home farm, Warren O. Griswold received a good practical education in the schools of West Hartford Center and the old academy. He never left the parental roof, and as soon as old enough began to assist his father in the labors of the farm. Subsequently, in connection with general farming, he was interested in the dairy business until 1895, when he rented his place, and has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil. No citizen in his community is more honored or esteemed, those who know him best being numbered among his warmest friends. He belongs to Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M., and in religious connection is a member of the Congregational Church of West Hartford. He has given his political support to the Republican party, but has never sought or desired office for himself.

In Farmington, Hartford county, Dec. 16, 1858, Mr. Griswold was united in marriage with Miss Jane M. Dunham, and to them have come three children: (1) Frederick W., born Aug. 1, 1861, married Hattie Elvira Eddy, and died Feb. 10, 1892, leaving one daughter, Mabel E. (2) Lena D., born May 14, 1867, is the wife of Henry A. Stannard, of New Haven, and they had one child, Arline G., who died July 11, 1893. (3) George S., born Dec. 1, 1872, died June 2, 1876.

HON. JOHN HURLBURT WHITE, of the Hartford Bar, who for twenty odd years was the efficient judge of probate for the Hartford district, and has been for many years an authority in that line of the legal profession, is descended from ancestors who early came to New England.

Judge White was born Nov. 23, 1833, in Glastonbury, Conn., son of Eleazer Sweetland and Alma Holmes (Hurlburt) White, and on his mother's side is a lineal descendant of Thomas Hurlbut, who, it is supposed, was one of the eleven passengers who came with Lion Gardiner to New England in 1635. Gardiner built and had command of the fort at Saybrook. Hurlbut was wounded in an encounter with the Pequot Indians in 1637. After the Pequot war Mr. Hurlbut established himself in business in Wethersfield, of which town he was one among the early settlers, and became quite prominent in public affairs. He was clerk of the train-band, constable, grand juror, and deputy to the General Court, and was the second largest taxpayer at the time of his decease.

The subject of this sketch received an academic education, and in 1851 came to Hartford and read law in the office of the late Hon. Heman H. Barbour. He was admitted to the Bar March 12, 1858, and has ever since been identified with the legal profession and interests of Hartford. He began his public career in 1860, as city auditor, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He held that position three years, when, in 1863, he was elected judge of probate for the district of Hartford. This position he held most efficiently and ably for the long period of twenty-three years, resigning the office in January, 1887, to resume the practice of law.

Judge White has ever taken a deep interest in all measures having for their object the development and advancement of Hartford, and has been an active worker along those lines. Since 1860 he has been connected with the First Company of Governor's Foot Guard, as an active and veteran member, and is now president of the Veteran Corps. For years he has been a member of the Probate Assembly of Connecticut, of which he served for some years as president. He served as a commissioner of Connecticut to receive the votes of the soldiers of the State in the field in the Presidential election of 1864. For years he was a director in the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Hartford. His religious connections are

with the Park Congregational Church of Hartford, he having been a member thereof since 1858. Judge White is a gentleman of many accomplishments, of rare judicial ability, and possesses social qualities which are appreciated and enjoyed by a large circle of warm personal friends.

In 1800 Judge White was married to Miss Jennie M., daughter of George Cooke, of Litchfield, this State, and to the union was born one son, Henry C. White, now an artist of distinction, who in April, 1889, was married to Miss Grace H. Holbrook.

CHARLES S. MASON, florist, "Meadow View," Farmington, Hartford county, Connecticut.

ADOLPH CARL STERNBERG. Much of the civilization of the world has come from the Teutonic race. Continually moving westward, they have taken with them the enterprise and advancement of their eastern homes, and have become valued and useful citizens of various localities. In this country especially have they demonstrated their power to adapt themselves to new circumstances, retaining at the same time their progressiveness and energy, and have become loyal and devoted citizens, true to the interests of their adopted country.

Among the most prominent of West Hartford's citizens who have come from the Fatherland is Adolph C. Sternberg. He was born in Stargard Prussia, Aug. 15, 1839, a son of Carl Sternberg, a native of Pomerania, Prussia, and a grandson of Rev. Carl Sternberg, a minister of the Lutheran Church in Germany. Carl Sternberg was a lawyer of distinction in his native land, having pursued his professional course in Berlin and Heidelberg, Germany, and also became a finished English scholar. On account of his participation in the revolution of 1848 he came to America in 1852, and located in West Hartford, Conn., where his family joined him the same year. He was made a citizen in West Hartford, and throughout the remainder of his life was engaged in general farming. He died May 7, 1873, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Bernardine Krause, died Nov. 16, 1869. In their family were nine children: Francis C., a veteran of the Civil war, is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rudolph C. and John C., who were also soldiers in the Civil war, are now deceased; Adolph C. is our subject; Herman E. is a resident of West Hartford; Carl M. died in the army; Frederick William, who was also one of the "boys in blue," is now a resident of New Britain, Conn.; Anna Louise is the wife of E. F. Claus, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Richard Paul is a resident of New Haven, Conn. Of this family, John C. was postmaster at Newington, Conn., for some time. He married Miss Mary Eagan, now a resident of Hartford, and to them were born four children, Kate, Annie, Fannie and John C.

Adolph C. Sternberg was thirteen years of age on the emigration of the family to the New World. From the age of four until twelve he had attended a private school in his native land, and on coming to America was well advanced in French and Latin, and had commenced the study of Greek, having pursued these studies in the public schools and Gymnasium. After locating in West Hartford he continued his studies with his father for some time. Subsequently he carried on the farm for his father until 1873, and also handled fertilizers and agricultural implements prior to his father's death. For twenty years he conducted a store on State street, Hartford, and engaged in tobacco packing, at the same time laying the foundation for his present extensive fruit business

On Aug. 15, 1868, in Hartford, Mr. Sternberg was united in marriage with Miss Francesca M. Soeckel, and to them have been born five children: (1) Amalie A. B., born June 28, 1870, is the wife of George W. Trant, of New Britain, Conn., and they have two children, Elizabeth Sternberg, born April 13, 1896; and Francesca Independence, born July 4, 1897. (2) Francesca M., born Jan. 12, 1872, is the wife of Ernst Hamilton Brandt, of Riverside, Conn., and they have had three children, Ernst Hamilton, born May 20, 1897; Adolph Sternberg, July 25, 1898; and Edward Carl, June 28, 1899. (3) Adolph Carl, Jr., born Feb. 7, 1873, is engaged in the culture of small fruits, being associated in business with his father. He married Anna Grace Allen, a native of Enfield, Conn., and they have two children, Adolph Carl, born Dec. 1, 1896; and Mary Bancroft, born Aug. 5, 1898. (4) Louise H., born Feb. 27, 1875, died March 13, 1891. (5) M. Clara, born July 29, 1878, is attending the Normal School in New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Sternberg discontinued business in Hartford on account of his election to the Legislature and subsequent appointment as State highway commissioner (for a four-years term). He was elected to the Legislature from West Hartford in 1895, and was instrumental in passing the good roads law—being chairman of the committee on Roads and Bridges—and very active in improving the roads of his town, on which, through him $60,000 was expended. Mr. Sternberg has been invited by several towns in the State to speak on the subject of good roads, and has had the satisfaction of seeing many improvements made in road making as a consequence. He has been acting school visitor of West Hartford for thirteen years, and was instrumental in consolidating the schools of the town; in 1895 was peach yellows commissioner; and is justice of the peace at the present time. He is also president of the Village Improvement Society, and president of the Men's Union of the Congregational Church, being one of the most active and prominent members of that church, of which he is now auditor, and in 1895 was church treasurer. Since attaining his majority he has affiliated with the Republican party, and is a recognized leader in public affairs in his community. He is a member

of the Grange; of Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M.; of Putnam Phalanx; of the Hartford Board of Trade; and of the Tobacco Growers Association. His pleasant home is on Mountain street, West Hartford.

ARTHUR F. EGGLESTON, of the law firm of Buck & Eggleston, Hartford, for many years State's Attorney, and one of the leading lawyers of the Hartford Bar, was born Oct. 23, 1844, in the town of Enfield, Hartford county, a son of Jerre D. and Louisa (Carew) Eggleston.

Mr. Eggleston was prepared for college at Monson Academy, Monson, Mass. The breaking out of the Civil war gave him a spirit of uneasiness and restlessness that could only be quieted by actual participation in the conflict, and, though not yet as old as was generally deemed necessary, he managed to enlist in the 46th Mass. V. I., followed its vicissitudes until it was mustered out, and received an honorable discharge. He then resumed his studies, in 1864 entering Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1868. After this event he passed some months in teaching, then came to Hartford and entered the law office of Messrs. Strong & Buck, as a student. He was admitted to the Bar of Hartford county in 1872. In that same year Mr. Strong died, and Mr. Buck and our subject continued to keep their offices together, finally entering into partnership relations as the firm of Buck & Eggleston, an association which has since remained unbroken, and which has developed into one of the strongest law firms in the State, as well as one of the most successful. Mr. Eggleston's ambition has been to become a good lawyer, and he has most enthusiastically given his great energies to the accomplishment of this end, making public preferment a secondary matter. For the past twenty years he has been engaged on one side or the other of almost all the great trials of Hartford county, and in many in which he has not appeared his absence has been from choice and not from necessity. Among the more important of the earlier cases he fought was Bailey's Appeal from Probate, commonly known as "The Horton Will Case." He was associated with Hon. David S. Calhoun and Hon. Henry C. Robinson in the endeavor to break the will, and the case was so well prepared and so vividly presented that the eminent counsel for the appellees capitulated before the evidence was half in. Not long afterward he was employed by the town of Bloomfield to defend an involved and protracted suit brought by the Charter Oak Bank. Perhaps this case, as much as any other, explains the fact that he has since been the selected attorney of so many towns in Hartford and adjacent counties. No better test of the powers of a lawyer can be applied than his ability to master the technical questions of other professions, so as to meet the best minds of those professions on equal ground. Striking examples of this power in Mr. Eggleston were seen in the successful defense which Hon. Alvan P. Hyde and he made of Dr. Jarvis from the charge of surgical negligence in the case of Parsons vs. Jarvis, and in the long trial of the Holyoke Water Power Co. vs. The Connecticut River Co. in the United States Circuit Court, in which nearly all the great hydraulic engineers of the country were employed, and in which he cross-examined one expert eleven days with the happiest of results. Among the important State trials which he has conducted was the successful defense of Clarence Taylor, indicted for murder, and his prosecution of William G. Souder, convicted of manslaughter after two vigorous trials, and of John Cronin, convicted of murder in the first degree, and subsequently hanged. The State vs. Dr. M. R. Griswold, for arson, one of the greatest cases ever tried in this State, was prosecuted by Mr. Eggleston.

The political affiliations of Judge Eggleston have been with the Republican party, and in its councils he has been active and influential. He has served as president of the common council, having been elected a member from the First ward. He served for a period of ten years as attorney for the board of county commissioners, and filled the office of county treasurer a like number of years. In 1877 he was appointed judge of the Hartford police court, and continued on the Bench until 1883, when he declined re-election. In 1888 he succeeded Hon. William Hammersley to the office of State's Attorney for Hartford county, a position he has since filled with signal ability and efficiency. From 1892 to 1895 he was a police commissioner of the city of Hartford. Judge Eggleston's standing before the Bar and the public is that of an able and conscientious lawyer, and his career has been one of great usefulness and honorable distinction. He is a Freemason, and a member of the Army and Navy Club.

On March 1, 1870, Judge Eggleston was married to Mary Isabel Abbe, only daughter of J. Preston Abbe, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

ROOT. The late George Wells Root, of Hartford, was descended from one of the earliest settlers of that city, and of New England, from a family some of whose members were especially distinguished and prominent in the military and civic history of the Nation and State. He was of the eighth generation from Thomas Root, the American ancestor, the line of his descent being through Thomas (2), Deacon Thomas, Ebenezer, Hon. Jesse, Dr. James Banks and Erastus S.

(1) Thomas Root, born Jan. 16, 1605, believed to be the son of John Root and Ann (Russell), of Badby, England, came to this country about 1637, and was among the first settlers in Hartford, Conn., where he lived many years, and where his children were born. After a residence of about fifteen years in Hartford he removed with his six sons and one daughter and settled in Northampton, Mass., in 1654. He was one of the eight pillars

of the parish church organized there in June, 1661. He was a farmer and a weaver of cloth. His children, all born in Hartford, were: Joseph, Thomas, John, Jonathan, Hezekiah, Jacob and Sarah.

(II) Thomas Root (2), son of Thomas, born in 1644, married in 1666 Abigail, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Voar) Myord. He lived in Northampton until after the death of his wife, in 1699, when he seems to have moved to Boston, thence to Lynn, Mass., where in 1701 he married Widow Mary Cox. His children by Abigail were: Thomas, Abigail, Samuel, Hezekiah, and one whose name is not given.

(III) Deacon Thomas Root, son of Thomas (2), born in 1667 in Northampton, Mass., married in 1691 Thankful, daughter of Jeddiah and Freedom (Woodward) Strong, of Northampton. In 1709 Deacon Root went to Coventry, Conn., where he became the first town clerk, and the first deacon in the Coventry Church. He died in 1758, Mrs. Root in 1754. Their children were: Thomas, Ebenezer, Eliakim, Abigail, Thankful, Mindwell, Experience, Samuel, Miriam, Ephraim and Mehitabel.

(IV) Ebenezer Root, son of Deacon Thomas, born in 1693, married in 1718 Sarah, daughter of Joseph Strong, of Coventry. He moved from Northampton, Mass., in 1709, with his father, held various civil offices in the town, and was much respected. He died in 1760, his wife in 1784. Their children were: Sarah, Submit, Silence, Ephraim, Hannah, Sybil, Ebenezer and Jesse.

(V) Hon. Jesse Root, son of Ebenezer Root, born in 1737 in Coventry, Conn., married in 1758 Mary Banks, of Newark, N. J. He died in 1822, his wife in 1813. In 1756, at the age of about twenty, he graduated from Nassau Hall (Princeton College), receiving the first honors of the College. He studied theology with Rev. Samuel Lockwood, D. D., of Andover, and was licensed by the Hartford South Association. Circumstances bringing about a change in his life work, he was admitted to the Bar at Windham in 1763, and soon settled in Hartford, Conn. In his newly chosen profession he was destined to excel, and to obtain a position beyond that reached by many of the brightest intellects of his day. With the exception of the time spent in Congress, etc., he was an advocate at the Bar for twenty-six years, and was esteemed very highly as a successful lawyer and an honorable citizen. Part of the time he resided in Hartford, and part of the time in Coventry, while practicing as an attorney. He early took a lively interest in the concerns of his country in general, and especially the trouble between the then Colonies and the mother country. As an unflinching patriot he defended the Colonies with both tongue and pen. He was an active and influential member of the Council of Safety, which originated and completed the project of capturing Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Gen. Washington was at Hartford in consultation with the Council of Safety when the rumor of Arnold's treachery first reached him. It was in this same council that the plan was matured for the siege of Yorktown.

Mr. Root received from Gen. Trumbull a captain's commission in 1776, and in three days was on his march to join the army with a full company of volunteers, which he raised in Hartford. He was soon made a lieutenant-colonel by the Assembly, and shortly afterward appointed colonel; was then advanced to the rank of adjutant-general of the department to which he was attached, from which post he was honorably discharged by Maj.-Gen. Putnam. In May, 1779, he was chosen a delegate in Congress, and continued there till the close of the war, in 1783. On the visit of Washington to New England, after his election to the Presidency, Judge Root was appointed to deliver the Address of Welcome at Hartford. In 1787 Col. Root was appointed assistant judge of the Superior court of Connecticut, and was appointed chief justice in 1798, although he presided as such a year or two previous, during the illness of Judge Adams, his predecessor; he retired from the office in 1807. For a period of thirty-two years he had been almost incessantly in public service. After this he was a member of the Legislature for a period, and in 1808 he was chosen one of the electors of President and Vice-president. He was also a member of the Connecticut State Convention that framed the new constitution in 1818, and though he was then eighty-one years old his mental faculties were still unimpaired. He was a member of the American Academy and one of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, and while chief justice received the degree of LL. D. from his Alma Mater, Princeton College. His portrait now hangs in the Supreme court room at the Capitol. Jesse Root Grant, father of Gen. Grant was named for him. Judge Root's children were: Mary, Ebenezer, Ephraim, Sophia, Jesse, David, James B., Sarah and Gabriel.

(VI) Dr. James Banks Root, son of Hon. Jesse Root, born May 20, 1770, married June 8, 1797, Martha Sergeant, of Stockbridge, Mass. He moved to Athens, N. Y., where he died Feb. 28, 1813; his wife passed away March 15, 1821, at Stockbridge, Mass. Their children were: Erastus S., George Washington, George William, James O., Martha M. and Elizabeth S.

(VII) Erastus S. Root, son of Dr. James Banks Root, born Oct. 20, 1798, in Burlington, Vt., married in 1822 Dorcas Wells, of Winchester, Conn., and moved to Mt. Morris, N. Y., where he was respected as a worthy citizen. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. Their children were: Theodore G., George Wells, Henry T., and Charles.

(VIII) George Wells Root, son of Erastus S. Root, was for over fifty years closely identified with the mercantile business life of Hartford. He was born April 26, 1826, in Augusta, N. Y., and when eight years of age removed with his parents to Mt. Morris, N. Y., where he was educated in

the public schools, and served as clerk in a country store for three years. His ancestor, Thomas Root, was one of the first settlers of Augusta. In 1843 George W. Root, then seventeen years of age, came to Hartford and entered the employ of A. & C. Day, which firm was composed of the late Deacon Albert Day and the late Calvin Day. The firm was established in 1820, and did a large jobbing dry-goods business. Eight years later, in 1851, Mr. Root became a member of the firm, and ten years later Calvin Day retired, the firm becoming Day, Owen & Co. Subsequent changes of partnership changed the firm name to Owen, Day & Root, Owen, Root & Childs, Root & Childs, and Root, Childs & Co., under which name the firm now does business. The partners at the time of Mr. Root's death were G. Wells Root, of Hartford, and Harris C. Childs, Edward G. Gilman, and Harry C. Pomeroy, of New York. The office and salesroom are in New York, where the firm conducts a large dry-goods commission business. The office was removed from Hartford some few years ago, and from that time until his death Mr. Root remained the financial head of the firm, retaining his office in Hartford.

Mr. Root was an earnest Republican in politics, and was a member of the "Wide Awakes" during the stirring political times which immediately preceded the Civil war. He served nine years as a member of the board of police commissioners, and one term in the common council, but declined further political preferment. Mr. Root was closely identified with several manufacturing concerns. He was president of the Sigourney Tool Co., also of the Taft Co., and was a director of the Hartford National Bank, the Phœnix Insurance Co., and the Smyth Manufacturing Co.; he also held membership in the Hartford Club, the Board of Trade, the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution (the last being gained through his descent from Jesse Root), and was an honorary member of the Foot Guard Veteran Corps. He was one of the original members of the Park Church, joining that organization when it was formed from the North Church, Rev. Dr. Horace Bushnell's. Mr. Root was a man of positive convictions, and was frank and candid in expressing them. He was very public-spirited; generous and firm in his friendships; was deeply interested in everything which pertained to the interests of Hartford and its development; and his advice and counsel were always sought and confided in by his personal friends and associates. In a long period of business activity in Hartford he had earned the esteem of the business community, and was highly regarded as a man of sound judgment, financial integrity and commercial foresight. On April 26, 1894, when Mr. Root attained his sixty-eighth birthday, his partners and several business associates and friends were entertained by him at dinner at the Hartford Club, and they presented him with a solid silver loving cup as a mark of their regard and esteem.

On Jan. 8, 1850, Mr. Root married Miss Paulina S. Brooks, daughter of the late David S. Brooks, of Hartford. She died Feb. 26, 1893, Mr. Root on March 21, 1897. Their children were: Charles H., who died Dec. 22, 1867; George B., who died April 16, 1868; James T., who died in October, 1899; Edward H., who died in April, 1900; Robert W., of New Haven (married); Mary E., wife of W. W. Wilcox, of Middletown; and Erastus S., of Hartford.

ERASTUS S. ROOT, ex-treasurer of the Sigourney Tool Co., and also of the Taft Co., of Hartford, was married, in Pittsfield, Mass., to Lillian Dermont, and one son, George Wells, has blessed their union.

ALFRED J. WEED, M. D., of Granby, is one of the ablest physicians and surgeons now engaged in practice in Hartford county, and has won a position of prominence among his professional brethren. He is one of Connecticut's honored sons, born in the town of Winsted, Litchfield county, and belongs to an old and prominent New England family which was founded in this country by three brothers, natives of England, who crossed the Atlantic in 1630, and first located in Dorchester county, Mass., but later removed to Connecticut.

Charles B. Weed, the Doctor's father, was born in Sharon, Conn., in 1815, and through his own efforts secured a good practical education. In his native town he learned the carpenter's trade, and going to Winsted, Litchfield county, at the age of seventeen years, he successfully followed carpentering there until 1850. During that year he went to Washington, D. C., and bought the patent right for making concrete floors and sidewalks, and as a contractor he successfully engaged in that business until his death, and greatly improved the method of doing the work. He laid the floors of the Wethersfield Prison and Reform School, and of many of the public and private buildings in New Britain. While in Kentucky he visited the famous Mammoth Cave, and there fell, breaking several of his ribs. Before he had fully recovered from his injuries he contracted pneumonia, and died from the effects of same in 1868, at his home in Winsted, his remains being interred there. He was a Master Mason, and as one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community he was called upon to serve as selectman and member of the school board. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and a supporter of the principles advocated by Jefferson and Jackson, the two great leaders of that party. He was liberal in his religious views, and always contributed toward the support of the Congregational Church, of which his wife was a lifelong member. He was a man of progressive ideas and good business ability, and was upright and honorable in all his dealings. In addition to the business already mentioned, he was interested with Dr. Steele in patenting and manufacturing stump joints for baby carriages, and also operated a sawmill. He

was thoroughly a self-made man, his success in life being due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. Mr. Weed married Miss Mary Ann Humphrey, a daughter of Col. James Humphrey, the owner of the old "Sanford House," on the stage route between Albany and Hartford. Three children were born of this union: Charles H., who was head salesman for Joseph Langdon & Co., now the firm of Hill & Co., Hartford, and died in 1888; Mary Ann, widow of Arthur P. Young, who was a bookkeeper of Hartford; and Alfred J., our subject. The mother, who was a true Christian woman and an active church worker, departed this life May 11, 1898, and was laid to rest in Winsted, Litchfield county.

During his boyhod and youth Dr. Weed attended the public and high schools of Winsted, graduating from the latter in 1872. Later he was a student at Mt. Pleasant Institute, Amherst, Mass., then under the direction of Prof. Henry C. Nash, and he completed his literary education at Amherst College, where he spent two years. His ambition from childhood was to become a doctor, and at an early age he began reading books on anatomy and medical works. After teaching school for two terms in Winchester he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Alfred North, of Waterbury, Conn., who was a cousin of his mother, and one of the most celebrated and skillful physicians of New England. For two and a half years our subject remained with that gentleman, and then entered the Medical Department of Columbia College, New York, where he took a three years' course, graduating with honors in 1878. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Hartford, but in 1880 removed to Southington, this county, and during the eight years spent there he built up quite an extensive practice. His next location was East Windsor, and in the fall of 1889 he came to Granby as successor to Dr. Stratton, and was not long in building up the large and lucrative practice which he still enjoys. Besides his large patronage in Granby he receives calls from Hartland, Simsbury, East Granby, Suffield, Southwick, Mass., and other points. He is the discoverer and sole manufacturer of the great national tonic *Bovis Sanguinarius*, and the celebrated *Anaesthos*, a product that renders the extracting of teeth absolutely painless. He has that true love for his work without which there can be no success, and has always been a progressive physician, constantly improving on his own and other methods, and gaining further encouragement and inspiration from the performance of each day's duties. He is quite literary in his tastes, and has not only written many able articles for medical journals, but has also contributed to local and New York papers both prose and poetry of high merit, some under his own name, and others under a *nom de plume*. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views, and at one time was an active member of the Hartford City Medical Society. He belongs to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., and politically is identified with the Republican party. He served as justice of the peace in East Windsor, and has been an efficient member of the board of health and board of education.

In Hartford Dr. Ward was married, in 1880, to Miss Ella Blackley, a native of Ansonia, Conn., and a daughter of Isaac and Hariette Blackley, who were of Scottish descent. Three children have been born of this union: Harvey H., Arthur and Alfred J., Jr.

JUSTIN E. GRIFFIN, a prominent agriculturist of West Suffield, is a self-made man whose energy and industry have brought him a comfortable competence, and his fine farm of 150 acres gives tangible evidence of his success. He started out in the business world when a boy of eight years, with no legacy from his father except the admonition to "live an honest life and take God as his guide," and this advice he has steadfastly followed throughout his long and useful life.

Mr. Griffin was born in Granby town, this county, and belongs to a well-known family, being of the fifth generation in descent from John Griffin, an early settler in Windsor, who was born in England, of noble blood. As an account of the family appears elsewhere it will only be necessary to here trace the line of descent through Benoni Griffin, son of the pioneer; Levi Griffin; and Lyman Griffin, our subject's father, who married Harriet Davis. Our subject was one of a family of eleven children: Chauncey, Rensselaer, Sarah, Mary, Justin E., Collins B., Henrietta, Jane, Adaline, Catherine and Lewis.

As a boy Mr. Griffin attended the schools of Granby town irregularly, and when eight years old he left home to work among the farmers of the neighborhood. At fourteen he went to Hartland, where he spent two years in the employ of M. A. Phelps, and then, after three years with Daniel Hayes, he went to Poquonock, to work for Griswold Phelps. While there he had a sunstroke, from which he did not recover for eighteen months, and later he resided for some time at Copper Hill, in the town of East Granby. In 1864 he entered the employ of Byron Loomis, with whom he remained six years, at $400 per year. With his earnings he bought his present homestead, formerly known as the Mather farm, upon which he has made extensive improvements, at a cost of $6,000. In addition to general farming he is interested in dairying, stock raising, and tobacco culture, obtaining good results in all his undertakings, and since taking possession he has built a fine residence upon the place, with barns, tobacco sheds, and other buildings. He is a leading member of the Congregational Church, which his family also attend. Politically he has always been a Republican, with the exception of a short time when he supported the Democratic ticket. On May 16, 1868, Mr. Griffin married Miss Josephine D. Phelon, and they have had three chil-

dren: (1) Walter W., who resides at the homestead, married Miss Sotha Burns, and has one son, William. (2) Arthur D. died in 1893, from the effects of sunstroke. (3) Martha died young.

Mrs. Josephine D. Griffin, who is an efficient and industrious helpmeet, was born Oct. 18, 1838, in West Suffield, daughter of Julius Phelon, and granddaughter of Thomas and Mary (King) Phelon. Her father was born and reared in West Suffield, receiving a district-school education, and became a prosperous farmer. He owned more than 200 acres of land, and his homestead in West Suffield was well improved with a comfortable dwelling-house and other structures. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he was much respected for his excellent qualities of character. His death occurred July 21, 1861. Mr. Phelon married Miss Julia McCune, by whom he had ten children: Mary, wife of Henry Richards, of Galesburg, Ill.; Matha J., deceased; Josephine D., wife of our subject; Emaline M., wife of Allen B. Griffin; Julis V., a farmer at the homestead; Joseph, who died July 21, 1891; Isaac W., deceased; Thomas B., deceased; Blanche A., who died in childhood; and Martha Alice at home.

The McCune family is of Irish origin, and Robert Robinson McCune, Mrs. Griffin's maternal great-grandfather, was born in Dublin. On coming to America he settled at Agawam, Mass., where he followed farming for a number of years, and then returned to his native land, where he died. His wife, who was a native of Ireland, died in New York State. They had four children: Robert Robinson; Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Rising; James; and Joseph, who died in Becket, Massachusetts.

James McCune, grandfather of Mrs. Griffin, was born at Feeding Hills, Mass., and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed for several years, later engaging in farming at Agawam, Mass., and at Warnertown, this State. On retiring from active business he went to Galesburg, Ill., where he spent his last days with a son. He was an excellent citizen, his patriotism being shown by his service as a soldier in the war of 1812, and throughout his life he took keen interest in public questions, being an ardent Democrat. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia Dewey, died in Agawam, Mass., and her remains were buried there. They had nine children: Robert Robinson, deceased, formerly a resident of Galesburg, Ill.; Julia, Mrs. Griffin's mother; James Dewey, who died in Westfield, Mass.; Isaac Rising, a resident of Oregon; Charles B., of Iowa; Henry Fielding, who died in infancy; Henry Fielding (2), who settled in Ohio; Andrew Jackson, of Wisconsin; and Sarah M., who died at the age of nineteen.

MICHAEL J. COHOLAN, M. D., is one of the successful practicing physicians of New Britain, where he has been located for a period of twenty-four years. The commencement of his professional career here was somewhat out of the ordinary. He did not have to wait for his patients for months or years, as not a few physicians have done, as by a fortunate circumstance, for him, he was called upon to take charge of a critical case within a short time after his arrival in the city, and its successful issue established his professional standing instantly, for he has never since lacked opportunity for the practice of his chosen calling.

James Coholan, father of our subject, was a stevedore at St. John, New Brunswick. He was a native of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, but emigrated early in life to the new continent, and at St. John became a well-known character among vesselmen. Later in life he leased the ferryage, and conducted it until his death, in 1860. He was a man of considerable business ability, and built up quite an extensive trade in his line. His religious faith was that of the Catholic Church. James Coholan married Mary Slattery, and to them were born the following named children: Dennis, born in 1838, who became a vessel owner and manager of the St. John ferry for many years, and is now a resident of that city; Hannah, born in 1840, wife of Alex. McDermott, a native of the North of Ireland, and a resident of St. John, New Brunswick; Ann, born in 1842, wife of George Dunn, a vesselman of Malden, Mass.; and Michael J. The mother died in 1864.

Michael J. Coholan was born at St. John April 30, 1844. His early education was obtained in a private school, preparatory to a college course. He then attended St. Dunstan's College, in Prince Edward Island, for two years, and from there went to St. Coleman's College, Fermoy, Ireland, where he remained one year, thence entering Queen's College, in Cork. A year later he was called home by the death of his father. In 1863 he matriculated in the Medical Department of the University of New York, from which he was graduated in 1865. For two years Dr. Coholan practiced in New York City. He then returned to St. John, and there remained for four years, during the settlement of his father's estate. In 1875 he came to Connecticut, and the year following located in New Britain, then a city of about 16,000 inhabitants. Entering at once into a lucrative practice, he has since been one of the city's most prominent practitioners. His success he attributes quite largely to his thorough preparation, and to his extensive professional study since that time. In politics Dr. Coholan is a Democrat, and has been prominent in local affairs. In 1885 he was police commissioner of the city. For nine years he has been a member of the school committee, serving as chairman of the text-book and night-school committees. He is president of the Opera House Company, and in public matters can always be relied upon for his devotion and enterprise. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Heptasophs, acting as examining physician in both orders.

Dr. Coholan married Miss Grace Markley, daughter of Thomas Markley, of Newington, and

they have six children: Frederick M., William T., Philip F., Harry J., Gerald M. and Grace Elizabeth. Mary and George are deceased.

EBENEZER GOODRICH HAVENS (deceased) was throughout life identified with the interests of Wethersfield, and was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of the town, where he was born Feb. 23, 1829, a son of William A. and Mary (Waterbury) Havens, who are mentioned more fully in the sketch of C. H. Havens, on another page of this volume.

Our subject received only a district-school education, but he made the most of his opportunities through life, and was a well-informed man. He possessed considerable inventive genius, and could apply himself to almost anything. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner, and for several years followed that occupation, also engaging in farming in Wethersfield, near the boundary line of Rocky Hill, and making many improvements on his place, which continued to be his home until death. For over twenty years he had charge of the machinery in the ice plant of the Spring Brook Ice Co. While at his post of duty one foggy morning in February, 1899, orders were given for the horses to start while he was making some repairs in the machinery, and in consequence both his legs were cut off by the planing machine. He died at his home on the 18th of the month, and was laid to rest in the Wethersfield cemetery.

On Nov. 23, 1855, Mr. Havens married Miss Melvina M. Ruic, of Granby, by whom he had two children: Owen R., of Rocky Hill; and Nellie M., a trained nurse, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The mother of these dying, Mr. Havens was again married, in Rochester, N. Y., in April, 1866, his second union being with Miss Jennie Martin, who was born Nov. 26, 1848, a daughter of David A. and Rosana (Bradbury) Martin. Her father died in Arkansas. By the second marriage three children were born: Leila G., now the wife of Frank Sherwood; William Carr, who carries on the home farm for his mother; and Everett E., who died in infancy.

Socially Mr. Havens was a member of the Order of United American Mechanics, and religiously was a consistent member of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church. He affiliated with the Republican party, and gave his support to every measure which he believed would prove of public benefit. He was quite prominent in his community, and commanded the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social life. His estimable wife is still living on the home farm.

JOHN DEMPSEY BONNER (deceased), who held for many years a leading place among the business men of Hartford, was born March 16, 1860, son of Charles and Margery Bonner, who removed to Hartford when the deceased was a young man of seventeen years. His grandfather, Daniel Bonner, came from the North of Ireland, but the family was of Scottish descent. Daniel Bonner was one of four brothers who came to this country, one of whom was the father of the late Robert Bonner, editor of the *New York Ledger*.

Mr. Bonner was the last of his family, his parents and three sisters having passed away before him. The eldest sister died in the Province of Quebec, Canada, at the age of twenty-four years, and the others came to Hartford with the father, who engaged in the boot and shoe business. Mary, who died in 1897, became the first wife of O. D. Burdick; and Madge, who died in Boston, in 1898, married Charles Wightman. Our subject's wife, formerly Miss Violet Marsh, of Plainfield, N. J., survives him with four children: Charles, Ethel, Carrie and Violet.

Mr. Bonner received only a public-school education in boyhood, but his keen observation of men and affairs, and reading of the best literature, gave him a wide range of information. As a good citizen he was interested in the issues of the day, and throughout his life affiliated with the Republican party, although any political honors which came to him were unsought. He took an active share in municipal questions, and was appointed a member of the fire board in 1897, his term not having expired at his death. As a member of the Bonner & Preston Co., organized in 1888, he demonstrated his ability as a business man, but he was best known in the State through his connection with military and fraternal affairs. Almost from boyhood he was interested in military maters, and when about twenty years old he enlisted in the Light Guard, known as Company H, 1st Regiment. He was promoted to the rank of corporal Aug. 25, 1884, and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service, Dec. 14, 1885. About this time efforts were being made to form a section of a machine-gun battery, and young Bonner was one of those actively interested in its institution. He refused to accept an office on its organization, and enlisted as a private July 1, 1886. Owing to business cares he resigned two years later. His love for military affairs was too strong, however, and in 1889 he joined the 1st Company, Governor's Foot Guards, as a private, remaining a member of the company for five years, and taking part in several of the trips of the command. On July 30, 1894, he was elected first lieutenant, in command of the first section of the machine-gun battery. He was a strict disciplinarian, and the section was brought up to a high standard of excellence in military tactics under his command. He resigned in 1898, owing to ill health. Mr. Bonner remained with the Foot Guards until after their famous trip to Atlanta, and the following year he was discharged, owing to his connection with the battery. He was, however, elected a member of the Veteran Corps of the Foot Guards soon after his discharge from the active company.

Our subject was well and popularly known in Masonic circles, and was a member of St. John's Lodge, Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M., and H. B. Webb Council, R. & S. M. From early life he was actively interested in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and became closely connected with the affairs of Hartford Lodge, of which he was past grand. He also held the office of past high priest of Mollan Encampment. During the existence of the uniformed degree in Hartford he was captain of Canton Capitol City, Patriarchs Militant. He was also an earnest worker in the ranks of the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Washington Lodge.

Rev. Dr. Stone paid a tender and touching tribute to the memory of Mr. Bonner. Speaking of his life and services in Hartford with the sincerest approval, said Dr. Stone: "He came of sturdy stock which had in it moral fibre and strength. A dash of the sea and the clear air of the highlands was in his blood. He came to Hartford at the age of seventeen years. The boy with his quiet manner soon made friends and was trusted. He always honored the trusts reposed in him. In the long battle with disease no murmur escaped his lips. It was a cross to give up life at his age, but the burden was assumed with Christian faith and courage. His religious life was of the manliest type, and the influence which he diffused in the business and social circles in which his life was passed will long be felt. In the family relationship his personality was of the strongest and most attractive character. His home life was one of great happiness and felicity." Dr. Stone concluded the eulogy with lines from Sarah K. Bolton, in the poem entitled "The Tide's In."

The boats lay stranded on the beach
Tangled with seaweed, dark and green;
A desolate and dreary scene
Far as the eye could reach;
The tide was out.

How changed the view when day was done,
The boats rode gaily on the deep,
Their white sails nodding as in sleep,
Kissed by the setting sun;
The tide was in.

Thus many a life in want or woe
Lies stranded on a barren shore;,
But God is God forevermore.
Take courage, for we know
The tide comes in.

And lifted from the rocks and shoals
We sail upon a sunlit sea:
Night opens on eternity:
Sweet rest for weary souls.
The tide is in.

CHARLES A. RAPELYE, an enterprising and successful druggist of Hartford, was born March 21, 1849, in New Britain, Hartford county, and is descended from one of the oldest families of this country, his ancestors having settled on Long Island at a very early period.

The origin of the family has often been erroneously attributed to France or Holland, but it is certain that the name was derived from the town of Rapallo, Italy, whence our subject's ancestors emigrated to France in the fifteenth century. The first member of the family of whom we have any detailed account is Gaspard Colet de Rapella, a nephew of the celebrated Admiral Coligni. Gaspard Colet was born in Chatillon, France, in 1505, and became an officer in the French army. He was a stanch Protestant, and in 1648 was forced to flee to Holland, where he settled. He married the daughter of Victor Antoine Jansen, of Antwerp, and had three children: Gaspard Coligni, Abraham Colet and Breckje.

Andrew Rapelye, our subject's father, was born in Williamsburg, Long Island, and is now a highly esteemed resident of New Britain, where he was engaged in the furniture business for some years. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1849. He married Antoinette Hart, a native of New Britain, and two of their five children reside there. Charles A. is one of the eldest of the family; William H. is connected with the Adams Express Co., at Springfield, Mass.; George, a resident of New Britain, is a plumber and dealer in stoves; Frederick W. is in the employ of the Adams Express Co., at Meriden, Conn.; Nellie married W. A. Niven, of New Britain.

Charles A. Rapelye was educated in the schools of his native town, and entered upon his business career as clerk in a store at Winsted, Conn., where he remained a year and a half. In July, 1866, at the age of seventeen, he went to Hartford, and for fifteen years clerked in the drug store of S. G. Moses & Co. In May, 1881, he formed a partnership with Stephen Goodrich, junior member of the firm, under the name of Goodrich & Rapelye, and this continued until April 1, 1886, when it was dissolved at the request of Mr. Rapelye, as he desired to engage in business independently. He established himself in the old Catlin building, corner of Main street and Asylum avenue, and there remained until April 1, 1897, when the building was removed, and he located at the Park Drug Store, No. 376 Asylum avenue, corner of High street. His business prospered at this point to such a degree that in June, 1898, he opened another store, in the Hills block, No. 853 Main street, and both stores are successful under his able management.

In 1885 Mr. Rapelye was married, in Northampton, Mass., to Miss Lizzie L. Taylor, daughter of Isaac N. Taylor, and they reside in a pleasant home at No. 107 Washington avenue, Hartford. They have three sons: Harry Andrew, Lyle Newton and Charles A., Jr. Mr. Rapelye is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Hartford Business Men's Association, and a leading worker in the Hartford,

the Connecticut and the American Pharmaceutical Associations. He has been president of both the city and State associations, and is now secretary of the latter, and secretary of the Commercial section of the American Association. He was appointed a commissioner of the State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. Lounsbury in 1884, and by Gov. Bulkeley in 1887, and served as president of the board for two years.

WILLIAM ROCKWELL SCOVILLE. This venerable and highly-respected citizen of the town of South Windsor is now, at the age of eighty-five years, living in peaceful retirement. As a prominent manufacturer and farmer, he has fully shared in the activities and achievements of the world, and richly won the rest which he now enjoys. For twenty years he was the proprietor and manager of a large paper mill, and for many years he has conducted one of the finest farming properties on the Connecticut river.

Mr. Scoville was born in Lewis county, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1815, son of Reuben and Anna (Rockwell) Scoville. He was born and reared on a farm, early in life acquiring those habits of industry and application which are so essential to success, and received a good common-school education, which was supplemented by a course of instruction in a seminary. Of his education he made practical application, and for six years taught school during the winter months.

In 1839 Mr. Scoville came to South Windsor, Hartford county, to the farm which he now owns and occupies. It was then the property of his uncle, Alexander Rockwell, and with him our subject lived until the uncle died, when Mr. Scoville took charge of the store, and has since managed it. He now owns eighty-five acres of land, most of which is valuable tobacco ground, lying on the banks of the Connecticut river. Throughout life he has been an active and successful farmer, giving large attention to tobacco growing. For about twenty years Mr. Scoville was proprietor of the Pleasant Valley paper-mills, at Pleasant Valley, and during that time was an active and successful manufacturer of paper.

In politics Mr. Scoville is a Republican, formerly a Whig, and his first Presidential vote was cast for John Quincy Adams. He is a man of generous impulses, and has ever been liberal in his contributions to all worthy causes.

JUDGE WILLIAM FRANKLIN HENNEY, a leading and popular attorney at law, Hartford, who is acceptably filling the office of city attorney, is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 2, 1852, in Enfield, Hartford county, of Scottish ancestry.

John Henney, father of the Judge, was a native of Paisley, Scotland, whence he came to this country, settling in Connecticut. For a time he was superintendent of the stockinet factory in the town of Enfield, thence removing, in 1865, to Hartford, where he was superintendent of the Light & Power Co. He married Mene Barclay, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in 1885. Mr. Henney died June 20, 1896; both were much respected by all who knew them.

The subject proper of this review received a liberal education in the schools of Enfield and Hartford, graduating in 1870 from the high school of the latter city. In 1874 he was graduated from Princeton College, then studied law in the office of the late Hon. Henry C. Robinson, and was admitted to the Bar at Hartford in May, 1876. In the following year he served as councilman of the city; from 1877 to 1883 was clerk of the police court of Hartford, and from 1883 to 1889 was judge of that court, declining to serve longer. He was then appointed city attorney, holding the office till 1891, and was reappointed in 1895, his ability and natural acumen, together with his legal knowledge and experience, eminently qualifying him for the position.

Socially Judge Henney is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he has been master; is a Knight Templar; a member of the Royal Arcanum; and of the Scottish Clans.

FRED L. BISHOP. As one of the founders of a new line of manufacture, the subject of this sketch is one of the rising young business men of Hartford. He is treasurer of the Hartford Fayence Co., which started in business in 1894, and is meeting with merited success.

Mr. Bishop is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Hartford county. His grandfather, Benjamin Bishop, was born in West Hartford, where his ancestors had lived for generations. He was a large and prosperous farmer, spending his entire life in agricultural pursuits, attaining prominence and influence, and reaching the age of eighty-nine years. Of his four children, two—Mrs. Mary A. Griswold and Mrs. Ellen J. Sedgwick—are still living.

Seth W. Bishop, the father of our subject, was born in West Hartford, was brought up on a farm, educated in the common schools, and learned the machinist's trade. He was one of the "forty-niners" who went to California in the early days in search of gold, "rounding the Horn," and being several months on the voyage. He remained in California ten years, and then returning to Hartford engaged in the tobacco business, which he followed some twelve years. Mr. Bishop then assisted in the formation of the Pratt & Whitney Manufacturing Co. It began in a very modest way, but is now one of the largest machine factories in the State of Connecticut, equipped with all the latest and most improved machinery, is capitalized at $3,000,000, and employs over 1,200 men. Mr. Bishop remained with this company over fifty years, up to a short time before his death, seeing it grow from its small beginning to its present enormous proportions, taking an active part and in-

terest in its affairs and in the management of the same, and acting continuously as a director. He retired in 1894, and died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four. He was also interested financially in a number of other concerns, and took great interest in the business affairs generally of the city of Hartford, where he was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He married Anna Hart, who was born in Collinsville, Conn., and to them were born three children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. The wife and mother died at the age of forty-three. The parents of our subject attended the Park Church.

Frederick L. Bishop was born in Hartford June 16, 1869. He spent the early years of his life at home, and was educated in the common and high schools. For five years he engaged in the drug business, and then, in 1894, organized the Hartford Fayence Co., together with Clarence Whitney, who is the president, our subject holding the offices of secretary and treasurer. This company manufacture a special glazed mantel in all fancy colors. They have an increasing business, employing twenty men, and sending their products to all parts of the country, and under the able management of Mr. Bishop the establishment is regarded as one of the forthcoming prosperous concerns of the city. It is a stock company, and its directors are among the most prominent men of Hartford.

Mr. Bishop married, in 1891, Florence North, who was born in Hartford, daughter of A. W. North, of the firm of Hudson & North, coal dealers, her father being among the largest coal dealers and oldest merchants in the city. She has one brother, Charles. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have been born two children, Gertrude N. and Benjamin S.

In politics Mr. Bishop is a Republican, but he has refused all offices. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Honor and Royal Arcanum, but is not now a member of any secret society, preferring the comforts of his own fireside and the companionship of his wife and family. In their neatly appointed home good cheer abounds, and the hospitalities of a generous home are freely dispensed to a large circle of friends.

MICHAEL A. BAILEY, M. D., one of the successful and prominent young physicians of Hartford, has been in practice in that city during the past eight years, and during that time has built up an enviable practice in partnership with his brother, Dr. George C. Bailey.

Dr. Bailey was born at Scitico, town of Enfield, Hartford county, July 16, 1859, son of Peter Bailey, and one of a family of eight children. The father was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and in 1848 migrated with his family to America, locating at Enfield. He was for many years employed at the powder manufactory at Hazardville, and died in 1886. Six of his children are now residents of Hartford—the two sons, who are physicians, and four daughters, three of whom are teachers in the public schools.

Michael A. Bailey spent his boyhood days at Scitico, and besides attending the schools of that town was a student at Wilbraham (Mass.) Academy. He learned the machinist's trade at Holyoke, Mass., and for ten years followed his trade at Enfield. His tastes, however, leaned strongly toward a professional career, and after studying medicine for a time he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., from which he graduated. He was for a year house physician in the City Hospital of Baltimore, and since 1892 he has practiced at Hartford. He is a member of the City, County and State Medical Societies, and fraternally is an active member of the Elks.

GEORGE C. BAILEY, M. D., with whom our subject is associated in practice, was born at Scitico April 16, 1864. He attended the academy at Wilbraham, Mass., and soon after his graduation from that institution began the study of medicine in New York City, graduating from the medical college in April, 1886. The following month he began practice at Hartford, which he has continued uninterruptedly ever since. He is actively identified with the medical societies of the city, county and State, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks. He is chairman of the board of education of Brown school, and it was under his direction that the annex to the school was erected. The two brothers stand high both socially and professionally, and are among the influential members of the medical fraternity of Hartford.

RALPH RISLEY (deceased) was long one of the best-known and most respected citizens of that part of the town of East Hartford known as Hockanum, where he was born Aug. 24, 1820, the eldest of the eight children born to Ralph and Ann (Winslow) Risley.

Ralph Risley, the father, was born on the homestead where Adolph Renthe now resides, in Hockanum, near the Glastonbury line, and a distinctive type was he of the native-born New Englander. When a young man he peddled wooden clocks from door to door, doing a profitable trade, but the latter years of his life were devoted to market gardening. He married Ann Winslow, who was born Sept. 15, 1798, and was a daughter of Pardner Winslow, who was largely instrumental in causing the erection of the Methodist church in Hockanum, contributing very liberally toward its construction. Of the seven other children besides Ralph, our subject, born to Ralph and Ann (Winslow) Risley, Charles W., born Sept. 4, 1822, was a farmer, served in the war of the Rebellion, and died in Berlin in 1897; Luke A., born June 16, 1826, sailed four years on a whaling vessel out of New Bedford, Mass., and died Oct. 21, 1853; Lawrence V. H., born July 28, 1832, died July 9, 1834; Lawrence V. H. (2), born Jan. 2, 1836, married Sarah

Dunnels, for many years hauled stone between Hartford and Portland, and was later a painter and paperhanger until his death, in 1899; Ann, born Aug. 9, 1838, died April 9, 1855; Amanda, born Aug. 5, 1840, is the widow of Frank Wright, and resides at Bristol; and Elisha, born Jan. 11, 1843, is general superintendent of agencies at Hartford for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.

The father of this family was in politics a Democrat. He was an active member of the old State Guard, and took great interest in "training days." As a Methodist he was devout and ardent, and as a business man he exhibited great executive ability. He was about six feet tall, ordinarily spare, and a hard worker when on his farm. He was one of the substantial men of his day, being the wealthiest, except Deacon Horace Williams, between his home and Hartford. He was anything but a meddler, but was sociable and hospitable. He and Deacon Horace Williams were the pioneer market gardeners of East Hartford, disposing of their products at Hartford. Mr. Risley exercised a great influence for good, and was a man any community would fell proud to claim. He and his wife rest side by side at Hockanum.

Ralph Risley, the subject of this sketch, received a limited education in the Hockanum district school, worked for some time on the home farm, and then went to New York, where he was employed for some years as clerk in a shoe store owned by his cousin, Benjamin Risley. He then returned to the home place, and engaged in farming on that part of the homestead now owned by Charles Yauch, remaining there until 1854, when he removed to the place now occupied by Cassius E. Risley, his grandson, where he passed the remainder of his days.

Ralph Risley was married May 31, 1841, his wife being a native of the city of New York, born Dec. 25, 1824, and she bore him four children: Edward F., born Jan. 15, 1845, is married, and is now one of the most skilled workmen in the employ of Olds & Whipple, of Hartford, having been with them ten years; Elmer was born Sept. 28, 1851; Henry, born Aug. 15, 1853, died June 11, 1854; and Fannie A., born Jan. 6, 1861, died March 5, 1869. Ralph Risley was a Democrat in politics, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace, which he continued to fill until old age exempted him. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary May 31, 1891, and Jan. 13, 1893, she was called to her final rest. Mr. Risley expired Feb. 19, 1899, beloved and honored by all, leaving to his family a comfortable competence, and the richer inheritance of a spotless name.

ELMER RISLEY, who was born on Main street, in Hockanum, attended his first school in that village, and then entered the East Hartford high school, from which he graduated in 1868. He then engaged in farming on the place now ocupied by his son, Cassius E., and has carried on agriculture ever since, with the exception of the year 1871, when he was employed in William Rogers & Co.'s plating works. On Dec. 3, 1872, he was married, by Rev. William A. Turkenston, to Miss Adelaide M. Selen, who was born Sept. 3, 1852, and is a daughter of John and Maria (Hills) Selen. To this union have been born two children: Cassius E., born Feb. 6, 1876, married Jessie Wadsworth, of Glastonbury, Oct. 10, 1898, is a very industrious, upright young man, and now occupies the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, the deceased subject of this sketch; Nellie S., born May 25, 1880, is a young lady of rare musical ability, and is giving instruction in her art.

Elmer Risley is Democratic in his political proclivities, but votes for the candidate he deems best fitted for office, rather than for a less worthy one that may happen to be the nominee of his party. He is a charter member of East Hartford Council, No. 1237, Royal Arcanum, has held several offices in the council, and is also past master in the East Hartford Grange. He aid his wife and daughter are members of the Hockanum Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Risley is a member of the board of trustees of that society. In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Risley acts as agent for Olds & Whipple's fertilizers. He is enterprising, industrious and strictly upright, and no family in East Hartford town is more sincerely respected than that of Elmer Risley.

WILLIAM H. KILLIN, one of Hartford's enterprising and successful young business men, was born in that city June 24, 1864, and began his business career before he attained his majority.

The family is well known in Hartford, his father, the late James Killin, a native of County Westmeath, Ireland, having located there in 1848, on his arrival in America. For some time James Killin conducted a retail grocery and liquor store, but in 1864 he engaged exclusively in a wholesale trade, at No. 72 Morgan street. His custom extended throughout the county, and he continued to give personal attention to the business until his death in 1894, although our subject purchased an interest five years before that event, the firm being known as James Killin & Sons. His judgment in business matters was much valued by his associates, and at the time of his death he was a director in the Francis Goodard Distillery Co., of Melrose, Conn. Coming to the United States without capital, he made his own way to success, and he was also practically self-educated, his schooling having been limited in youth. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and while he was not an office seeker he served two terms in the court of common council. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and he and his family became leading members of St. Patrick's Church, Hartford. Mr. Killin's first wife, Katherine McGeough, died when our subject was an infant. By this marriage there were six children, of whom three survive: James

F., a member of the firm of James Killin & Sons; Miss Mary A.; and William H. By a second marriage there were two children, both now deceased.

As a boy our subject attended the Brown school, Hartford, and on leaving school, at the age of fifteen, he entered his father's store as clerk. For ten years he successfully conducted a grocery and liquor store alone, beginning when a minor, but this business he gave to a brother, and at the latter's death sold out. Since purchasing an interest in his father's business, in 1890, he has shown marked ability and judgment, and his close attention to details is doubtless a factor in his success. At his father's death he succeeded him as a director in the distillery company. He takes an active interest in politics, being a leader in the Democratic organization in his ward, and he has served two years in the court of common council and one term on the board of aldermen. Socially he is popular, and he belongs to the B. P. O. E., the K. of C., the order of Foresters, the Emeralds, and the Hibernians.

CHARLES LAWSON WOODING, librarian of the Free Library at Bristol, Conn., is a native of that town, and was born Nov. 1, 1869.

Lawson Jared Wooding, father of Charles Lawson Wooding, was born in Burlington, Conn., March 4, 1827, was reared a farmer, but later became a dealer in woodland. He married, Nov. 25, 1847, Miss Emeline Stone, of Harwinton, Conn. This lady was born Sept. 29, 1827, a daughter of Timothy Stone, and died Aug. 15, 1892, the mother of four children, viz.: Mary Elizabeth, who was married to Henry Hutchinson, of Bristol; Jessie Althea, married to George H. Hall, also of Bristol; Charles Newton, born Aug. 26, 1857, died Jan. 14, 1858; Charles Lawson, the subject of this sketch, is a twin to an infant that died unnamed. In 1865 Lawson J. Wooding became a contractor for the packing department of the E. Ingraham Company, with which he remained until his death which took place March 31, 1889. In politics he was a Republican, but never held an office, although he was very active in promoting the success of his party. He was equally active in church work for many years as a member of the Methodist congregation, but in his latter years was a member of the Advent Christian Church.

Lawson Wooding, father of Lawson J., was also a farmer, was married, in November, 1825, to Miss Sally Pardee, and in November, 1826, was called from earth. Mrs. Sally (Pardee) Wooding was born February 5, 1805, and died Jan. 2, 1895, the mother of one child.

Charles Lawson Wooding attended the public schools of Bristol until 1884, passed to the high school, from which he was graduated in 1887, and then took a post graduate course of one year in the same institution to prepare for Yale College, which he entered in 1888, and from which he was graduated in the regular course in 1892. He then assumed the duties of his present position which he has since so satisfactorily filled.

Charles L. Wooding was joined in marriage, June 1, 1893, with Miss Cora R. Defendorf, of Waterbury, and to this union has been born two children, the elder of whom, Lois, born Feb. 5, 1895, died Dec. 27, of the same year; Helen, born July 6, 1897, still survives to brighten the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wooding are members of Prospect Methodist Church and socially stand very high in the esteem of a large circle of personal friends. Mr. Wooding is also a member of Pequabuck Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and likewise of Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, of Bristol, in which he is senior deacon. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been a member of the town school board for six years, and is secretary five years, and he also has been acting school visitor for five years. For positions of this class his qualifications and predilections peculiarly fit him.

WILTON E. DICKERMAN, M. D., a well-known physician and surgeon of Hartford, was born Aug. 10, 1864, at Whitneyville, Conn., and is a member of one of the pioneer families of New Haven county.

Eli Dickerman, his grandfather, was a prominent resident of Whitneyville, and Elias Dickerman, the father of our subject, was a native of the place, and has always resided there. For some years he was active in business, being identified with various corporate interests, and he has been secretary of the New Haven Car Co., now defunct, and of the James G. Hotchkiss Match Co. He married Miss Eunice Gilbert, daughter of Gibbs Gilbert, of New Haven, Conn., and had four children: Amelia; Asa G., an electrician at Newburyport, Mass.; Wilton Elias; and Eli G., deceased.

Dr. Dickerman began his education in the schools of his native village, and was graduated from Greenwich Academy in 1884, and from Amherst College in 1890. In 1893 he completed a course in the Medical Department of Yale University, and spent the next two years in practical work in the Hartford Hospital, where he is now assistant surgeon. In 1895 he established himself in general practice in Hartford, meeting with marked success. He was city police surgeon for three years; is clerk of the Hartford County Medical Society; and examiner for the Ætna Life Insurance Co. He belongs to the City, County and State Medical Societies, and to the American Medical Association, and socially is identified with the Colonial and Golf Clubs.

GUSTAVE A. ANDRE, M. D., an able young physician of Hartford, was born July 20, 1870, in New Britain, Connecticut.

Theodore Andre, his father, who was born in France, came to America at the age of twenty. For many years he was a contractor in the cutlery works in New Britain, but he is now a resident

of Norfolk, Conn. He married Eliza Schenherr, and three children were born of the union: Eugene married Joseph Steckquel, of New Britain; Gustave A. is mentioned more fully below; Mary married Tom Crow, of New Britain.

Dr. Gustave A. Andre received his elementary education in the Burritt school, New Britain, and later entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, where the degree of M. D. was conferred upon him in 1895. After taking a post-graduate course in New York Hospital he practiced in South Manchester, Conn., for six months, and in 1896 located in Hartford, engaging in general practice. He is popular socially, and is identified with the B. P. O. E. and the Order of Foresters.

RICHARD P. LYMAN, B. Sc., M. D. V., the well-known skillful veterinarian, of Hartford, is a native of Massachusetts, born Aug. 5, 1870, in Concord, and comes of Revolutionary ancestry on both sides of the house. He is related to Capt. Ebenezer Steadman, member of the First Provincial Congress, and can also boast of twelve lines of Revolutionary ancestors, as well as those who served in the colonial wars, being, on the paternal side, a direct descendant of Richard Lyman, who came to Hartford with Hooker, and after whom our subject was named, the line of descent being as follows: Richard, John, Benjamin, Aaron, Caleb, Joseph D., Jabez Whiting and Charles P., father of our subject.

The last named was born in Boston, Mass., a son of Jabez W. Lyman, a native of Northfield, Mass., who became an importer, and made his home in Boston and New York. His son Charles was educated in Boston and in Edinburgh, Scotland, and having decided on taking up the profession of veterinary surgery studied at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in the latter city, graduating from same; he received the degree of Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Returning to Massachusetts, he practiced his chosen profession several years in Springfield, Mass. In 1881 he organized the veterinary department of Harvard University, of which department he was appointed dean, a position he still holds; he has been employed by the government as an expert in the treatment of pleuro-pneumonia, much having been done by him toward checking this disease. In fact, he is recognized as a standard authority on the diseases of animals, also in the prevention and cure of same.

Dr. Charles P. Lyman married Lucy E. Pope, born in Cambridge, Mass., daughter of Rev. Augustus Russell Pope, of that city, where he was a popular preacher for many years, and to the union were born three children: Bertha, Richard and Mary Ainsworth.

Richard P. Lyman, the only son of Dr. Charles P. and Lucy E. (Pope) Lyman, received his literary education in the schools of Boston, Mass., then attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College, at Amherst, taking the scientific course, where he graduated, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He afterward took a course at Harvard, where he also graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. In Boston he practiced his profession, being employed by the Massachusetts Cattle Commission as a special agent for a time, after which he located in Hartford, and has since here resided, engaged in active practice as a first-class veterinary surgeon. During the year of 1896 he was employed as veterinarian by the Connecticut Cattle Commission.

On Feb. 16, 1897, Dr. R. P. Lyman married Annie Downing Evans, daughter of George A. and Jennie (Downing) Evans, mentioned elsewhere. Socially he is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and of Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, both of Hartford; of the Grange of West Hartford; of the American Veterinary Medical Association, being State secretary of same; and is also a member of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, of which he is vice-president. In January, 1901, Dr. Lyman opened a spacious hospital for the treatment of veterinary patients, which, although by no means a new feature in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine, is the first of the kind regularly organized in Hartford.

WILLIAM SAMUEL LINES, a prominent real-estate dealer of Hartford, finds an appropriate place among those men of business and enterprise in this State whose force of character, whose sterling integrity, whose fortitude amid discouragements, whose good sense in the management of complicated affairs, and marked success in establishing important business enterprises, have contributed in an eminent degree to the development of the resources of the localities with which he has been connected. In the broadest sense he is a self-made man, being both the architect and the builder of his own fortune.

Mr. Lines was born in Utica, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1837, and is a descendant of Stephen Lines, who is believed to have been a native of Oyster Bay, L. I., while his father undoubtedly came from New Haven county, Conn. Stephen Lines married Penelope Cox, who was born Jan. 27, 1741. Their son, Stephen Lines, Jr., was born in Bethpage, L. I., Sept. 3, 1757, and was married Jan. 28, 1778, to Miss Martha Underhill, who was born Jan. 8, 1759. Having learned the gristmill business and surveying with his uncle, Joshua Cox, he removed to the town of Clinton, Dutchess Co., N. Y., after his marriage, and engaged in milling there. Later, with his whole family, he removed to West Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he also engaged in milling, farming and surveying, and was at the head of the Friends Meeting there for many years. His son, Samuel Lines, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Clinton, Dutchess Co., N. Y., Feb. 18, 1787, and was there married in 1808 to

Eliza Van Varnevelt (changed to Williams), who was born at Clinton May 20, 1793.

Peter W. Lines, father of our subject, was born in West Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., June 23, 1813, and during his last years conducted a store for J. S. and M. Peckham, manufacturers of stoves and plows, at Bridgewater, N. Y., where he died Jan. 6, 1840. He was married Dec. 27, 1835, to Miss Sarah J. Griffith, who was born March 17, 1811, and died March 15, 1856. They had three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. Stephen H., the second son, was born Sept. 9, 1840. Amanda L. was born Feb. 26, 1843, and married A. D. Bonsteel, of Buffalo, New York.

William S. Lines was reared and educated in Utica, Bridgewater, Syracuse and East Otto, N. Y., and from the age of thirteen to eighteen years worked on a farm for his uncle, in East Otto. At the age of eighteen he left that place, and accepted the position of time keeper in the locomotive works of the Erie railroad, at Dunkirk, N. Y., which he held for about five years. He then engaged in general merchandising at East Otto for seven years, after which he entered the dry-goods importing and jobbing house of Bartlett, Beery & Co., in New York City, later Bartlett, Beery, Reed & Co., of which he became junior partner. After a successful business career with this firm, he was obliged to retire on account of ill health and seek renewed strength by retiring to his country place, in Fredonia, N. Y. Upon regaining his health he became interested with Bates, Reed & Cooley, importers of dry goods, New York City, and later with Sweetser, Pembroke & Co. Subsequently, furnishing the capital, he became special partner in the firm of F. E. Stevens & Co., importers and jobbers of foreign and domestic silks, New York City, but in 1891 he retired from that business and removed to West Hartford, where he is now extensively engaged in the real-estate business and in building, having large interests in both Hartford and West Hartford. He has always been a very enterprising and progressive business man, believing in keeping fully abreast with the times, and in most of his undertakings he has met with eminent success. He is a member of the board of education of West Hartford; socially is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Elliottville, N. Y., and the chapter at Dunkirk, N. Y.; to the Colonial and Twilight Clubs of New York City; and to Prospect Casino and Hartford Golf Clubs; religiously he is a member of the Park Congregational Church of Hartford.

Mr. Lines has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Jennie Crosby, of East Otto, N. Y., by whom he had two children: Earnest Howard, born Oct. 22, 1859; and Mabel, born May 26, 1861. The son was educated at Kellogg's private school, Jersey City Heights, later attended the Fredonia Normal School, and was fitted for Dartmouth College at the Academy of St. Johnsbury, Vt. He was graduated from Dartmouth College, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and the Chambers Street Hospital; then became house surgeon at the New York Hospital and Dispensary, and was examining surgeon for the New York Life Insurance Co. For a time he had charge of the office on Twenty-third street, New York, was ten years on the medical board in the main office, and is now associate medical director in charge of the European business of the New York Life Insurance Co., located at Paris, France. On Sept. 18, 1889, Dr. Lines was married to Miss Elizabeth Lindsay James, and they have two children, Howard and Mary C.

For his second wife William S. Lines married, in Hartford, Nov. 18, 1886, Mrs. Carrie Hovey Smith, by whom he has one son, William Samuel, Jr., born Aug. 9, 1889. Mrs. Carrie Hovey Smith-Lines is a daughter of Capt. Henry Russell Hovey, of Essex, Conn., a granddaughter of Rev. Aaron Hovey, of Essex, and a lineal descendant of Daniel Hovey, who came from England and settled in Ipswich, Mass., about the year 1660. Rev. Aaron Hovey was for over forty years pastor of the First Congregational Church at Essex; he married Huldah Ely, a daughter of Rev. Richard Ely, who was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Essex for forty years, prior to the incumbency of Rev. Aaron Hovey, in the same parish.

F. P. WOOLLEY, proprietor of a well-known hack, livery and boarding stable at No. 366 Main street, Hartford, was born in that city Nov. 21, 1859, son of William P. Woolley.

The family became identified with Richmond, Va., at an early day, but our subject's grandfather Woolley, a machinist by trade, removed to Glastonbury, Conn., where he constructed the first machine. William P. Woolley was born in Richmond, and reared at Glastonbury, and for some years conducted a farm in Bloomfield. He also engaged in business as a saddler and undertaker, in partnership with his brother G. W., and in 1869 became interested in the livery business in Hartford, being at present the oldest liveryman except one in the city. His first stables were rented, but he soon built the present buildings to accommodate his growing business, and in 1898 his son, our subject, took charge. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his estimable wife are both members of the Church of the Good Shepherd. At one time he served in the Governor's Foot Guards. William P. Woolley married Sarah A. Burt, who is a member of the well-known Massachusetts family of that name, and one of a large family of children. They have had nine children, five of whom are living: Mrs. William Young, of Springfield; Mrs. H. Clintsman; Leonard D., of Hartford; F. P.; and Adelbert, also a resident of Hartford.

Our subject spent much of his youth in Hartford, but traveled extensively throughout the United States before engaging in business. In 1883-84 he was in Minnesota, returning to Hartford in May, 1885; while in Minneapolis he was agent for the

Red Line fast freight. In 1888 he graduated from a veterinary college, having taken the course in preparation for work as manager of his father's stables. Since 1898 the business has been continued in his name, and he enjoys a large custom, keeping fifty horses and several boarders, and in his specialty of coach work he leads among the liverymen of the city.

In 1893 Mr. Woolley married Miss Isabel Osmond, a native of Hartford, and daughter of William Osmond, a native of Hartford, a blacksmith for the New Haven railroad, who had four children by his second wife, Isabelle (Hunter), Mrs. Woolley's mother. Our subject's home is brightened by three children: Frederick P., Mildred and William O. Politically Mr. Woolley is an independent, and he and his family are active members of St. John's Church.

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FRANKLIN SMITH, a well-known contractor and builder of Hartford, was born Nov. 4, 1833, in Lyme, New London Co., Conn., where his family has been prominent for generations. According to the earliest records obtainable, his line of descent is traced from one John Smith, who with his wife Mary moved from Sudbury, Mass., to Lancaster, Mass., about 1654. He died there April 5, 1669, and his will mentions four children, John, Richard, Ann and Alice.

(II) Richard Smith was the first of the family to settle in Connecticut. He appears among the founders of Groton, Conn., in 1656, and some time before 1669 settled at Lyme, Conn., where the family continue to reside down to the present generation. He was married twice, the children by his first marriage being Hannah, Richard, Jr., and John. His second wife was Joanna Quarles, and their marriage occurred in Boston, Mass., Aug. 2, 1654, and was celebrated by Gov. Bellingham. The children born of this union were Mary, Henry, Francis, Joanna, Elizabeth and James. The Lyme land records show that Richard Smith (Sr.) was a soldier in King Philip's war, and for his services was given a grant of land in Voluntown, Connecticut.

(III) John Smith, son of Richard Smith, hands down a record of six children, as follows: Martha, Quarles, Samuel, Josiah, Ruth and Jemima.

(IV) Josiah Smith, son of John, leaves a record of eight children, as follows: Joseph, Josiah, Rhoda, Lydia, Lucretia, Pheby, Tubs and William.

(V) William Smith, son of Josiah, was born in Lyme, in 1748, and there followed farming throughout his life. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife, Mary (Moore), also a native of Lyme, lived to a good old age. They had four children: Dan, Union, Azariah, and William Moore.

(VI) Capt. William Moore Smith was born in Lyme in 1782, and became a successful farmer and leading citizen of the town. For a number of years he served as deputy sheriff and captain of the local militia. During the war of 1812 his company was called out, and in recognition of his services the United States government bestowed a grant of land upon his widow. He was a Democrat in politics, and his ability and strong character gave him much influence in local affairs. He died aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Smith was married twice, his first wife being Britania Brown, of Hartford, by whom he had one son, William Brown, born Feb. 10, 1823; he became a sailor, rising to the command of a packet ship sailing between New York and London; his boat, "The Ocean Queen," was lost at sea, with all on board, sometime during the month of February, 1856. In April, 1825, Capt. William M. Smith married Jane Crosby, who was born in East Haddam, Conn., in 1800, and lived to the age of eighty-one years. Both were members of the Congregational Church, and active in the cause of religion. Their union was blessed with six children: Henry, deceased; John, who conducts the old homestead; Britania, who was drowned in a well in childhood; Franklin, our subject; Albert, an orderly sergeant in the 26th Conn. V. I., who was killed at Port Hudson, La., in the Civil war; and Joseph, a resident of Colchester, Connecticut.

Franklin Smith was but seven years of age when his father died, and at the age of fifteen, after receiving a practical education in the common schools of Lyme, he began to learn the carpenter's trade, in preparation for his business career. He served his apprenticeship at this trade in Ellington, and in 1857 located in Hartford, where he soon won a high reputation for workmanship as foreman for a contractor. He superintended the building of a number of churches and large houses there and in New Britain, and in 1865 he was foreman and master mechanic on the Asylum Avenue Congregational church, Hartford. In 1866 he was master builder of the South church, in New Britain, costing $140,000, and considered one of the finest churches in the State at that time. Many of the drawings for the inside and the framing of the roof were made by him. He also built a house in New Britain for one of the deacons, and among the many residences built by him in Hartford are some costing $25,000. Much of his draughting and architectural work has been done by himself, and for some years past he has had a large amount of jobbing to do, his work always giving satisfaction. During his active career of forty years he probably has had more of the best class of work than any other contractor in Hartford. In real-estate business Mr. Smith has also been successful, as he bought and developed a large tract of land where he now resides. He laid out Ashley street, and built the first house there, afterward building some thirteen other houses in the same vicinity, and his influence has been a leading factor in the growth of that portion of the city.

On July 20, 1857, Mr. Smith married Miss Lydia Champlin, and they have had four children, of

whom three are living: (1) Carrie Louise, who died March 4, 1890, at the age of forty, married Joseph Alvord, of Bolton, who was engaged in the mercantile business at Manchester for some time. He was prominent in public affairs, serving as representative from Bolton, but his death at the early age of thirty-five, resulting from a paralytic stroke, prevented the full expression of his powers. He left one son, Raymond Smith. (2) Hattie Lincoln married De Witt C. Hill, master mechanic with the Willimantic Linen Co., and has one daughter, Dorothy A. (3) Howard Franklin, the third in the family, is a graduate of the Hartford Public High School, the academic department of Yale College, and Yale Medical School. On completing his course at the last named, he spent two years as interne in the Hartford Hospital, and is now a successful practitioner in that city. (4) Daisy Maud was graduated from the high school, later attended the New Britain Normal School, and at present is conducting a private school in Hartford. She is a talented musician, and has a fine contralto voice, and her work as a member of a church choir is much praised.

Mrs. Smith is a member of a family which has been represented in this country for six generations, three brothers of the name of Champlin having crossed the ocean together to make their home in the New World. She was born at Warehouse Point, daughter of Aaron Champlin, a native of Lebanon, Conn., whose active years were mainly spent in Warehouse Point, as a teamster. He died there in 1839, aged forty years. His wife, Betsy (Rockwell), who lived to the age of eighty-six years, was born in Warehouse Point, daughter of John and Irene (Porter) Rockwell. Mrs. Smith was the youngest of a family of six children, the others being Louisa B., who married the late Lemuel P. Thrall; Marietta, deceased; William, a pilot, who lost his life near Sandy Hook; John Milton, deceased; and Clarissa, who married Frederick Lincoln, of Coventry, Conn. The father was an Episcopalian in religion, and the mother was a devout Methodist.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and his refusal to accept official positions has deprived his party of an excellent candidate. Mrs. Smith has been a leading worker in the Fourth Congregational Church at Hartford for many years, and all of the children have followed her example. She is a deaconess and almoner, taking upon herself the practical work of looking after the poor, and for thirty years she has taught in the Sunday-school.

LUCIUS I. BARBER, M. D., deceased. The Barber family is one of the oldest in New England, and the subject of this memoir, formerly a prominent resident of Simsbury, was of the seventh generation in direct descent from Thomas Barber, a prominent settler in the town of Windsor. At all times the members of the family have been found among the foremost citizens of their day and locality, and few histories in this volume will be of such general interest as the following.

(I) Thomas Barber, the pioneer, came to America with a company organized by Francis Stiles, starting from London, England, on March 10, 1635, in the ship "Christian," commanded by Capt. White. The ship's register shows that he was twenty-one years old at that time. The party comprised about twenty young men, mostly mechanics and apprentices, and Thomas Barber belonged to the latter class. This company became the first actual settlers in Windsor, and in 1645 Thomas Barber was made a freeman of the town. During the Pequot war of 1637 he was one of the thirty soldiers sent from Windsor under the leadership of the brave Mason. On Oct. 7, 1640, he married, his wife's name being Jane, and they had six children: John, baptized July 24, 1642; Thomas, who is mentioned below; Sarah, baptized July 19, 1646; Samuel, baptized Oct. 1, 1648; Mary, baptized Oct. 12, 1651; and Josiah, born Feb. 15, 1653.

(II) Thomas Barber, born July 14, 1644, was known as Lieut. Thomas, having been connected with the militia for many years. In 1690 he was appointed ensign of the local "train band," his commission being now in the possession of the widow of our subject, and in 1698 he was elected lieutenant, then an office of great dignity and importance. In March, 1647, the General Court passed an order that Massawco (the Indian name of Simsbury) be purchased by the county, and that a committee be appointed to dispose of the land to such inhabitants of Windsor as by them shall be deemed best to make improvements. The first grants of this committee were made in 1667, to twenty-two persons, of whom Thomas Barber was one. At an early day he removed with his family to Simsbury, and he speedily became a man of influence and comparative affluence. In the first list of persons against whom taxes were laid, in 1694, the largest were against John Higley, the next largest against Ensign Barber. He was active in building up the town, being the first to erect a gristmill and sawmill, and he also contracted for and built the first meeting-house. Lieut. Barber was for many years an active worker in the Congregational Church in Simsbury, his name standing first in the list of members. He died May 10, 1713, aged sixty-nine years. His wife, Mary Phelps, to whom he was married Dec. 13, 166—, was born in Windsor March 3, 1644, the only daughter of William Phelps, who was for many years a leading citizen of the Colony. Six children were born of this union: Thomas, the next in the line of descent; John, who married Mary Holcomb, daughter of Joshua and Ruth (Sherwood) Holcomb; Ann, who was married Dec. 4, 1701, to Jonathan Higley; Samuel, who was married Dec. 17, 1712, to Sarah Holcomb, daughter of Nathaniel Holcomb, Sr., and Mary Bliss; Sarah, who married Andrew Robe Nov. 26, 1701; and Joanna, who married Josiah Adkins, of Hartford, Jan. 3, 1710.

(III) Thomas Barber, born May 17, 1673, died July 17, 1714. He is frequently mentioned in the Simsbury records, and appears to have been an active and influential citizen. On May 25, 1699, he married Abigail Buell, daughter of Peter Buell, of Simsbury, and they had two children: Thomas, known as Sergt. Thomas; and Abigail, who married Jacob Case, of Simsbury.

(IV) Sergt. Thomas Barber was born Jan. 19, 1700, and was also prominent in his day and generation. He was much attached to the Bible, and very punctual in holding family prayers night and morning, while no common occurrence prevented him from attending public worship twice on the Sabbath. He held closely to the doctrines of John Calvin, and died June 16, 1775, in that faith. Four of his grandsons carried him to the grave: Zaccheus Case, Jr., Thomas Barber, Jr., Seth Marshall, Jr., and Daniel Barber, Jr. On Jan. 16, 1725, he married Mercy Case, daughter of Samuel Case, of Simsbury, and they had six children, as follows: Sarah, born Jan. 8, 1726, married Seth Marshall, of Farmington; Thomas, born Sept. 5, 1728, died in 1792; Abigail, born Feb. 10, 1730, married Zaccheus Case, of Simsbury; Daniel, our subject's grandfather, is mentioned more fully below; Mercy, born June 25, 1735, married Elisha Moses, of Simsbury; and Elisha, born Aug. 21, 1742, married Elizabeth Adams, of Simsbury.

(V) Daniel Barber, the grandfather of our subject, was born Feb. 14, 1732, and died April 18, 1779. He was noted for his fondness for literature, and his intimate friends were all people of piety and elevating conversation. On July 6, 1755, he married Martha Phelps, daughter of Jonathan Phelps, of Westfield, and she survived him many years, her death occurring at Windsor, Vt., Dec. 15, 1821. Of their ten children, all lived to maturity and several to old age, and their descendants are now to be found in all parts of the United States.

(1) Daniel Barber, born Oct. 2, 1756, was for more than thirty years a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, having been ordained by Bishop Seabury in 1787. For twenty-four years he was rector of the church at Claremont, N. H., but in 1818 he was converted to the Catholic faith. He obtained regular dismission from his parish, and from that time (having given his estate to the Catholic Church) he led, as he said, "a kind of a pilgrimage state of life, wandering from place to place, depending entirely upon the hospitality and charity of the pious, the generous and the humane." He died at Washington, D. C., in 1834. His wife, Chloe Owen, was a daughter of Hon. John Owen, of Simsbury, and they had four children: Trueworth, Virgil H., Laura, and one who died in infancy. Virgil H. Barber was educated in the Episcopal faith, and for several years officiated as priest in that church in Cheshire and Waterbury, Conn. He was a man of profound learning and rich culture, being able to converse in seven languages. He also became a convert to the Roman Catholic Church, and after spending a year or more at Rome he returned to this country and located at Claremont, N. H., having received holy orders from the Pope himself. He founded a Catholic Church and seminary there, and through his instrumentality his father, as before stated, and his father's sister, (Mrs. Noah Tyler), a member of the Congregational Church, were induced with their families to abjure the faith of their ancestors and their own, and adopt that which he had adopted. The wife and daughters of Virgil H. were, on his conversion, placed in the nunnery at Emmitsburg, Md., and his son Samuel became a professor in a Catholic College at Georgetown, D. C.

(2) Rosetta Barber, born May 15, 1758, married Capt. Jacob Pettibone, and died April 18, 1810, at our subject's home, after many years of widowhood.

(3) Martha Barber, born June 8, 1760, married Ashael Holcomb, of Granby, Conn. She died about 1834, in Simsbury, where she lived many years a widow.

(4) Jared Barber, born Feb. 29, 1764, removed in middle life with his family to Sheldon, N. Y., where he died.

(5) Israel Barber, born May 12, 1765, went to sea at the age of eighteen. He married the daughter of a planter along St. Mary's river, in Georgia, and became a man of wealth, owning a large number of slaves. He visited his boyhood scenes after thirty years' absence, but his death occurred in Georgia.

(6) Russell Barber, born in July, 1767, settled in Middletown, Vt., where he spent a long life of usefulness. He left six children: Jarvis, Russell, Priscilla, Lucilda, Sophronia and Chloe.

(7) Roswell Barber, born in August, 1770, removed at an early day with his brother Jared to Sheldon, N. Y., where he died. He was prominent in the Baptist Church of that place.

(8) Calvin Barber, our subject's father, is mentioned below.

(9) Sarah Barber, born March 31, 1775, married George Fisher, and settled in Derby, Vt., where she died, leaving five children: Lucius G., Emeline, Amanda, Rosetta and Jane. About 1837 Mr. Fisher with his family removed to Beloit, Wis., where his death occurred. His son Lucius G. was for several years sheriff of Rock county, Wisconsin.

(10) Abigail Barber, born Sept. 30, 1778, married Noah Tyler, and located first in Claremont, N. H. About 1835 Mrs. Tyler and her sons George, Israel and Calvin, removed to Elgin, Ill., where she died in 1849. The three sons named afterward removed to Taylorsville, Texas. Another son, William Tyler, born June 5, 1806, was educated for the Catholic priesthood, and after his ordination, in 1828, was stationed at the Cathedral Church in Boston, being later appointed by the bishop as his vicar-general. In 1843 he was nominated by the council in Baltimore as first bishop of the new

"Episcopal see of Hartford," his diocese comprising Connecticut and Rhode Island. He received the bull of his appointment by the Holy See Feb. 14, 1844, and proceeded to Providence, R. I. (the chief city in his diocese), where he established his Episcopal residence. His health failed him after years of assiduous work, and he died June 18, 1849.

(VI) Col. Calvin Barber, our subject's father, was born Sept. 15, 1772, and died March 14, 1849. As he was left fatherless at the early age of seven years his youth was filled with hardships, which were bravely surmounted. His widowed mother was reduced to poverty from a state of comparative affluence, the depreciation of Continental money being one of the causes, and soon after his father's death he was "bound out" to his brother-in-law, Capt. Jacob Pettibone, to learn the trade of mason and stone-cutter. His anguish when he was forced to leave his early home can only be imagined, and he implored his mother to allow him to remain with her, offering to "cut all her wood," which was as great a promise as a child could make. But stern necessity required that the child should go, as his mother could not yield to his entreaties and promises, although her tears mingled with his. He found time to so far educate himself, in the midst of his duties and labors, that he became a successful teacher in the common schools. At the age of twenty he was married to Miss Rowena Humphrey, of Simsbury, daughter of Major Elihu Humphrey, who lost his life in the Revolutionary war. So poor was the bridegroom that he borrowed money for his wedding clothes, and the dowry of his wife was not much greater, but both had health, together with habits of industry and economy, and that indomitable spirit of perseverance, which in combination are sure to command success. In 1802, while yet a young man, Col. Barber contracted with the State of Connecticut to build the walls and other structures of the old State prison, called "New Gate," at the Simsbury copper mines. In this he was successful. The walls were of solid masonry ten or twelve feet high, enclosing workshops, guardhouses, offices and other buildings, covering a large space of ground. Upon completion a grand jollification was held, in which all who took part in the construction, including a number of prisoners, were allowed to participate, and the toasts offered and songs sung have often been repeated in history. By his industry and prompt attention to business Col. Barber soon gained the confidence of the community in which he lived, and by his urbanity and affability the friendship and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. He took an active interest in all public affairs, and filled many important offices, civil and military, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. In the military department he rose rapidly, and speedily attained the rank of colonel, by which title he was known through life. For many years he was an active magistrate, in which capacity he was a terror to evil-doers, but whenever possible he acted the part of a peacemaker.

As a Christian, Col. Barber's virtues shone out conspicuously. He was a lover of good order, and strove to promote and maintain it. His hope of happiness hereafter rested not on his own merits, but solely on the merits of Jesus Christ. For over thirty years he was a consistent and exemplary member of the Congregational Church at Simsbury. Our subject's mother, who died May 18, 1842, was a member of one of the best families of Simsbury, and her father, Major Elihu Humphrey, was highly honored for his ability and courage. He fought in the French and Indian war, was at Havana as the adjutant of Col. Lyman, and served in the Revolutionary army until he was wounded and captured at the battle of Long Island; he was confined in the old Sugar House, where he was so barbarously treated that he died soon after his return to his old home. Of the twelve children born to Col. Calvin Barber and his wife all lived to adult age: (1) Rowena, born Jan. 15, 1794, died Nov. 17, 1875, unmarried. (2) Lura, born March 27, 1796, died July 25, 1870. She married James Lewis, a merchant of Granby, and had one child, Lura M., who died when eight years old. (3) Abigail Lenora, born Dec. 11, 1798, was married Oct. 19, 1829, to Alanson Spencer, of New Hartford, and had one son, Calvin S., who died at the age of eight years. She died Jan. 6, 1867. (4) Calvin Nelson, born Oct. 10, 1800, was married Oct. 9, 1833, to Lucy Pitkin, and died Jan. 5, 1844. Their only child, Julia, died when eighteen years old. (5) Achsah Delight, born Feb. 16, 1803, died May 25, 1870. From the age of fourteen years she never heard a sound, her deafness being caused by spotted fever. (6) Virgil Bushrod, born Jan. 3, 1805, was married March 11, 1830, to Cornelia Case, and had one child, Harriet, who died at the age of eight years. He made his home in Lockport, Ill., where he died Sept. 22, 1835. (7) Lucius Israel, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Emeline, born April 19, 1809, was married April 9, 1835, to Allen M. McLean, a son of Rev. Allen McLean, of Simsbury. They had three sons, Allen, Calvin B. and Thomas N. Allen McLean graduated at Yale College in 1860, and after preaching in East Orange, N. J., for a time, became pastor of the Congregational Church at Litchfield, Conn. He was an earnest worker, and as his health failed he went to Florida to recuperate, and died there. Calvin B. McLean is a Congregational minister at New Fairfield, Conn. Thomas N. McLean graduated from the Medical School of Yale in 1871, and is now a leading practitioner of Elizabeth, N. J. (9) Julia, born Oct. 8, 1811, was married May 19, 1842, to Jarvis Humphrey, of Simsbury, and after several years' residence in that town they removed in 1847 to Findlay, Ohio, where they died. Their family consisted of six children: Chancey D., Marion, Ellen, Justine, Jarvis S. and

Mary. (10) Mary Ann, born Oct. 7, 1813, died Nov. 10, 1852, unmarried. (11) Decius Scott, born Feb. 15, 1816, died Oct. 15, 1833. (12) Lucia Jeanette, born July 9, 1818, died March 29, 1858, unmarried.

(VII) Dr. Lucius Israel Barber was born Oct. 7, 1806, in the same house in which he resided during the greater portion of his life, and where his death occurred Feb. 16, 1889. It was built in 1762 by Rev. Benajah Roots, and in 1773 our subject's maternal grandfather, Major Elihu Humphrey, bought it; afterward Oliver Bronson, the composer, resided there for some years, before it came into the possession of Col. Calvin Barber. Our subject attended the local schools, and also studied under Rev. Allen McLean, of Simsbury, proving himself an apt student, and later he attended Amherst Academy and Amherst College, where he graduated in 1826. He then read medicine in New York, and took a course in the Medical Department of Pennsylvania University, graduating in 1833. Going to Wisconsin, then a territory, he located in Milwaukee when the place contained but a few thousand people, but after practicing a few years in that city he settled at Jefferson, Wis. He took a prominent part in politics, and in 1839 he was elected from Milwaukee to the Wisconsin Legislature, where he was chosen Speaker, thus gaining the honor of being the first Speaker of the First Legislature of Wisconsin. In 1841 he was elected to the Legislature to represent the counties of Dane, Green, Dodge, Jefferson and Sauk, and in 1842 and 1843 he was a member of the legislative council from the same counties. From 1840 to 1845 he was clerk of the United States district court of Jefferson county, Wis. On March 1, 1843, Dr. Barber married Marion P. Brown, of Jefferson county, who died Feb. 18, 1845, leaving an infant daughter, Lucia Jeanette, who died Feb. 27, 1845. These afflictions turned his thoughts toward his old home, and in 1846, after the death of his father, he returned to Simsbury, where he resided during his remaining years. In 1850 he was elected to the Legislature of Connecticut, and in 1858 he was elected judge of probate, which office he held for ten consecutive years.

Although Dr. Barber practiced for a few years in Wisconsin he preferred politics, and gave up his profession, as he claimed that a physician should not have any other business to occupy his time. In returning to Connecticut he no doubt abandoned a bright future, as he was one of the prominent men of Wisconsin, and a political leader. While he left a most comfortable competence Dr. Barber was not a man who lived to accumulate wealth, and he gave liberally to deserving causes. He had large real-estate holdings in Wisconsin, which he retained until the later years of his life, selling off as his business judgment dictated. He made frequent trips to Wisconsin, and maintained a personal acquaintance with many of the most prominent men there. His last years were given to enjoying life, by his jovial manner and genial disposition always keeping himself and others happy. His store of anecdotes seemed inexhaustible, and his ability as a conversationalist was appreciated by a host of friends. He was one of Simsbury's best known men, and his interest in local history was second to none, his wonderful memory fitting him for the task of collecting data and writing history, and his efforts along this line were superior to those of any other man in his town. He had spent years of patient research for data intending to publish a history of Simsbury, but the task was not completed at his death, and his valuable manuscript, representing years of labor and much expense, was left among his effects. He took great interest in anything historical, and advocated a building for the preservation of relics and curios, his own collection being a notable one. To Dr. Barber, more than to any other man, does Simsbury owe the preservation of the town's early history, and his labor will find a reward in the appreciation of posterity. He was a frequent contributor to the local papers on matters connected with Simsbury, and was the author of the Simsbury history in the "History of Hartford County." In the later years of his life he wrote extensively for the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, and his articles on pioneer days in Wisconsin, when he was one of its leading men, were very interesting. His faculty for giving even the most minute detail of events happening forty years previously was remarkable. He was a kind-hearted man, and was known and respected by everybody in the town, children as well as adults. In person he was tall, slender and stately, with long gray hair, and his presence always attracted attention. For nearly twenty-two years he was a member of the Congregational Church at Simsbury, but although he served on the society's committee he declined the office of deacon.

On June 10, 1874, Dr. Barber was married in Simsbury to Mrs. Abbie (Sexton) Case, who survives him, and is one of the social leaders of the locality. She is active in church work, being a member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and also belongs to Abigail Phelps Chapter, D. A. R. Mrs. Barber was born Jan. 19, 1846, in the Bushy Hill District of Simsbury, the only child of Marvin Sexton, and her family has been prominent in New England from an early day. In the paternal line she traces her descent from Joseph Sexton, who was born in Westfield, Mass., Oct. 13, 1694, and died March 23, 1790. Deacon Joseph Sexton, son of Joseph (I), was born July 18, 1724, and died Jan. 10, 1819. His son Joseph, Mrs. Barber's great-grandfather, was born Aug. 25, 1753. Timothy Sexton, grandfather of Mrs. Barber, was born Sept. 22, 1773, in Somers, Conn., and was the first of the family to settle in the Bushy Hill District of Simsbury, where he died in 1859. He was a devout Methodist, and generally walked to Simsbury to church on the Sabbath, never permitting any ordinary reason to prevent his attendance. He mar-

ried Elizabeth Griswold, a member of a pioneer family of Windsor, and they had the following children: Edson, born Sept. 3, 1806, in Windsor, died at Great Barrington, Mass., March 27, 1894; Eunice, born March 17, 1802, married Richard Morgan, and died in Simsbury, May 27, 1839; Marvin, father of Mrs. Barber, was third in the order of birth; Henry, born July 19, 1807, died in Stratford, Conn., Dec. 7, 1880; Charlotte, born July 3, 1809, married Rev. Davis Stocking, and died in Sing Sing, N. Y., April 6, 1803; Sydney, born June 2, 1812, in Granville, Mass., resided in Simsbury for some years, and then removed to Odell, Ill., where he died; Alonzo, born Dec. 18, 1816, at Stockbridge, Mass., never married, went south for his health, and died at Natchez, in 1840.

Marvin Sexton, Mrs. Barber's father, was born in Windsor, April 23, 1804, and, although, mainly self-educated, became a man of culture and wide reading. At one time he was a schoolmate of Cyrus W. Field. As a young man he taught school for a time, and later he followed civil engineering in New York State, while his last years were spent in farming in Simsbury, where he died May 18, 1881. Politically he was a stanch Republican, but he did not aspire to official honors. Before coming to Simsbury he resided for a number of years in Stockbridge, Mass., and his first wife, a Miss Sedgwick, was a native of that place. His second wife, Mrs. Barber's mother, was Miss Abigail Holcomb, was born at Simsbury, Conn., Oct. 20, 1808, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Holcomb. She died in 1846, her remains being interred at Simsbury. In 1849 he married Miss Harriet Bradley, of Stockbridge, who died in 1868.

EDWARD S. TRYON. Men of unusual force of character find in the material development of the respective localities in which they live an ample scope for energy. Among the prominent men who are so engaged at Hartford must be mentioned the subject of this sketch, who for many years has been actively identified, as contractor and builder, with the growth of the city. His ability has been inherited. His father, John E. Tryon, is one of the most progressive farmers of Hartford county, and is a leading citizen of Glastonbury.

Our subject was born in South Glastonbury Sept. 17, 1863, and is a descendant of one of the early and prominent families of Hartford county. William Tryon, founder of the family in America, was born in England in 1645, and came to this country, where he was assigned a grant of public land in Wethersfield, in 1673. He married Saint Lattimer, of that town, and of their nine children Edward Sparks Tryon is a descendant of the second son, David Tryon. Edward Sparks Tryon attended the public schools during his boyhood years to the age of thirteen. Receiving private instructions for a year, he attended private school at Hadlyme, Conn., and later was for two years a student of East Greenwich Academy, graduating in 1882. He then began a three-years apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, with John C. Mead, of Hartford, receiving also from him instruction in architecture. Upon the completion of his apprenticeship he worked one year as a journeyman, and then became a member of the firm of West, Simms & Tryon, continuing thus five years. Withdrawing from the firm, Mr. Tryon in 1893 started in business individually, and has ever since conducted same most successfully. He has been engaged largely in the construction of residences, and among larger structures which he has erected is the five-story Bartlett building, on Asylum street. He has also erected a number of buildings for himself, and has prospered above the average, owing his success to his own efforts.

Mr. Tryon is thoroughly interested in public affairs. Recognizing that the foundation of government lies in the primaries, he has given to them not a little attention. In 1899, and again in 1900, he was elected to the council from the Fifth ward. He has served as a member of the standing committee on Water Works, City Buildings, and also extensively in special committee work. Mr. Tryon is an active Freemason, a member of Hartford Lodge, F. & A. M., and its past master, having held all its offices; he is also a member of Pythagoras Chapter, Wolcott Council, Washington Commandery, and Sphinx Temple.

JONAS H. SILSBY, wholesale lumber dealer of Hartford, than whom no one in Connecticut and neighboring States is better or more favorably known, is a native of Vermont, born Nov. 23, 1834, in Lunenburg.

Harvey Silsby, his father, was also born in Vermont, a son of John Wendell Silsby, a farmer of prominence in his day, who died at the patriarchal age of ninety-one years; by his wife, Susan (Blood), who died in 1883, he had five children. Harvey Silsby was reared on a farm, and received a common-school education, after which he drove a team from Vermont to Portland and Boston, and was also a blacksmith by trade. In 1850 he moved to St. Johnsbury, Vt., and after two years went to Newark, Vt., thence to West Burke, same State, where he passed the rest of his days, dying at the age of seventy-eight. He served throughout the war of the Rebellion, in the 11th Vt. V. I., and saw much hard service. In politics he was a Republican, in religious faith a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In December, 1833, he married Celia Bloss, who was born in Lunenburg, Vt., a daughter of Aaron and Acaha (Smith) Bloss, the former of whom was a farmer; the latter, born at Charlestown, N. H., died at the age of eighty. To this union were born seven children, four of whom are yet living: Jonas H., our subject; William H.; Mary E., wife of O. C. Spencer; and Annette. The mother died at the age of eighty-three years. All the sons except Jonas H. served in the Civil war.

Jonas H. Silsby received a liberal education at

the common schools of his place of birth, and when twenty-one years old commenced in the lumber business in a small way. Having a mill in which he put in a circular saw, etc., his business increased until, in course of time, he had four mills and a store —two in Newark, one in Westmore, the other mill and the store at West Burke. In April, 1874, after losing his property through business reverses, he came to Hartford, and again started in a small way, his business, as a result of his ability and application, increasing until, in 1879, he added dealing in hay and straw, etc., potatoes and other produce, on commission. In 1886 he built the block (where his office now is) on Allyn street, 73 feet deep, four stories high, and it goes without saying that his already large business has since grown to mammoth proportions. He owns about a thousand acres of timber land, and buys a great deal of lumber in the Southern and Western States, also in Canada, in addition to which he purchases shingles in New Brunswick, shipping both lumber and shingles by the carload; he has shipped as many as 500 carloads of lumber in a single year, besides shingles, potatoes, etc. In June, 1890, he sent out seventy-nine carloads of lumber, each containing 15,000 feet, and 175,000 shingles.

On Nov. 22, 1866, Mr. Silsby married Addie A. Packer, born at Newark, Vt., a daughter of Austin Packer, and granddaughter of Eliazur Packer, of Groton, Conn., later of Guilford, Vt., whence he removed to Newark, and there died at the advanced age of ninety-four years; he was a lifelong farmer. Mr. Packer came of English ancestry who were early settlers of Newark. His wife, Abigail (Potter), died at the age of eighty years. Austin Packer was a farmer, and did a great deal of town business, serving as selectman, justice of the peace, etc. He died at West Burke, Vt., at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Laura Bundy, was born in Chesterfield, N. H., and died at the age of sixty-five. She was a daughter of Isaac Bundy, a prominent farmer, and a pioneer of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Packer had a family of six children, three of whom are living: Henry C., Emily J., and Addie A. (Mrs. Silsby). Two of Mrs. Silby's uncles, David and Quincy Packer, were Methodist Episcopal ministers.

To our subject and his wife have been born two children: Mabel A., now the wife of Frederick M. Harlow, of Hartford; and Anna L., who died when eight months old. Mr. Silby's partner in business is his son-in-law, Mr. Harlow. Mr. and Mrs. Silsby attend the Universalist Church; in politics he is a Republican, and has served on both jury and grand jury various times.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS TERRY. For a period of over 250 years the ancestors of the subject of this sketch have resided in New England, and a little less than ten years of that time the family has been identified with what is now Hartford county, Connecticut.

The family name of Terry seems to have originated among the early Franks, when, under the form of Thierry, it was not an uncommon personal name, and through the Franks coming to be regarded as French. That form it took in England, the "h" being silent. The earliest information about the founder of the Hartford county family is derived from an old "book of records" now in possession of Hon. Henry Morris, of Springfield, Mass. In the spring of 1650 Hon. William Pynchon was in England, and doubtless it was then that he took into apprenticeship the boy Samuel Terry, who was an orphan living in Barnet, eleven miles north of London. He was born in 1633 or '34. The next thing known about Samuel Terry is that Jan. 7, 1654-55, the town of Springfield granted him ten acres of land on the "Chickkuppee Plain" on condition that he remain in the town five years. On Jan. 3, 1660, he married Ann Lobdell. In 1663 he was granted land in Westfall, and in 1664 in Enfield, Conn. In 1678 he was appointed surveyor of highways. He was well-to-do, a farmer and linen weaver by occupation, and much esteemed by his neighbors. His first wife died in May, 1684, and Nov. 19, 1690, he married (second) Sarah, widow of John Scott, from whom he parted in 1694, and passed the later years of his life with his son Samuel, in Enfield, Conn. He died in 1730.

From this Samuel Terry the subject of this sketch is in the eighth generation, the line of his descent being through Samuel (2), Ephraim, Samuel (3), Samuel (4), Joseph and Joseph A.

(II) Samuel Terry (2), son of Samuel, the emigrant, born in Springfield July 18, 1661, died in Enfield, Conn., Jan. 2, 1730. He married (first) in Springfield, May 17, 1682, Hannah, daughter of Miles Morgan, who was born April 11, 1656, and died Jan. 17, 1696; married (second) in Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 4, 1697, Martha, widow of Benjamin Crane, Jr., who was born in 1666, and died May 29, 1743. He settled in Enfield in 1683, and was a farmer. He was constable, selectman, and captain of militia in 1716. He was a man of piety, and prominent in church affairs.

(III) Ephraim Terry, son of Samuel (2), born in Enfield Oct. 24, 1701, died there Oct. 14, 1783. He married in Enfield Sept. 13, 1723, Ann, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Alice (Adams) Collins, who was born Dec. 20, 1702, and died Sept. 10, 1778. She was a great-great-granddaughter of Gov. William Bradford, of Plymouth Colony. Ephraim Terry lived in Enfield, and was a tanner. He was major of militia.

(IV) Samuel Terry (3), son of Ephraim, born in Enfield Oct. 18, 1725, died there May 8, 1798. He married in Westfield, Mass., April 21, 1748, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Ashley) Kellogg, who was born Oct. 24, 1730, and died Feb. 11, 1801. He was an innkeeper in Enfield, Connecticut.

(V) Samuel Terry (4), son of Samuel (3),

born in Enfield July 29, 1750, died in South Windsor Nov. 11, 1838. He married (first) Dec. 10, 1771, Huldah, daughter of Silas and Hannah (Morton) Burnham, who was born April 30, 1752, and died May 18, 1809; married (second) Dorcas Buckland, who was born in 1759, and died Aug. 4, 1834. He was a farmer and tanner in South Windsor, Connecticut.

(VI) Joseph Terry, son of Samuel (4), born in South Windsor Oct. 3, 1797, died in Hartford Oct. 25, 1875. He married in South Windsor, Oct. 8, 1821, Mary Mather Fitch, who was born in South Windsor Sept. 3, 1802, daughter of John Field and Mary (Mather) Fitch, her father a nephew of John Fitch, first inventor of the steamboat. Mr. Terry was at one time in the leather business, was quite an architect, and in his later life was a farmer. He lived in Hartford, where Francis Parsons now lives, corner of Asylum and Prospect avenues. Frances Aurelia (Terry) Hotchkiss, a daughter of Joseph, is residing at No. 765 Asylum street, Hartford. She was born Sept. 6, 1822, and married Leonard M. Hotchkiss.

(VII) Joseph Augustus Terry, son of Joseph, and the father of our subject, was born Feb. 5, 1826, in Hartford. He married, Oct. 11, 1848, Adeline Webster, who died in August, 1899. He died in 1893. Mr. Terry was educated in Hartford, and in that city was for years engaged in the leather business in connection with his father, and latterly lived a retired life there. His children were: Mary F., born in 1849, who married Frederick Jackson, and resides at Stony Creek, Conn.; and Charles Augustus.

Charles Augustus Terry, our subject proper, was born Nov. 2, 1850, on Trumbull street, in the city of Hartford, and was educated in the public schools of the city. He has passed his life there, and has been occupied in agricultural pursuits. He is one of the substantial men of the city and county, where he is widely and favorably known. In 1881 he was married, in Windsor, Conn., to Miss Katherine Gertrude Hayden, daughter of George P. and Frances (Loomis) Hayden, of Hayden Station, Conn., and to them has come one daughter, Editha Belle, who is now a young lady.

W. H. H. MASON, the leading druggist of Windsor, and one of the substantial business men of that place, is probably as good an example of a strictly self-made man as is to be found in active business pursuits in the town. While yet a young man, he has already attained a success which many an older man, now passing out of the business period of life, has failed to achieve. He gives strict attention to his business, which, combined with a thorough knowledge of the same, has been an important factor in his success.

Mr. Mason was born in Hartford March 29, 1860. His father, Benajah K. Mason, was a native of North Carolina, born near Wilmington in 1821, and belonged to an excellent Southern family. By trade he was a carriagemaker, and when a young man he spent his summers in the North, returning South during the winter season, and working at his trade all the time. While thus employed in Hartford he married Miss Maria Wells, a native of Wethersfield, Conn., and a daughter of Henry and Ruth (Wright) Wells. Her father was a farmer, and belonged to a highly-respected family of Wethersfield. At one time Mr. Mason was engaged in building locomotive cabs for what is now the Consolidated Railroad Co. of Hartford, and did other work for the same company, filling responsible positions that required great mechanical skill and excellent judgment. He remained in their employ between forty-five and fifty years, and was superintendent of bridges for several years. During the Civil war he served as fifth sergeant in Company E, 22d Conn. V. I., and he was later a member of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford. He was a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, and fraternally of the Improved Order of Red Men, and politically was identified with the Republican party, in the success of which he took a deep interest. He was a man of great energy and activity, and was quite robust until the illness that caused his death. He passed away in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years, honored and respected by all who knew him. The mother of our subject died in 1881, at the age of fifty-nine, and both were laid to rest in Hartford cemetery. In their family were only two sons, the other being Francis A. E., an employe of the Consolidated Railway Co. at Hartford.

The subject of this review was reared in Hartford, and graduated from the high school of that city in 1878. On laying aside his text-books he entered the business house of Sovereigns of Industry, on Allyn street, where he served as bookkeeper until he commenced learning the druggist's trade. He entered the store of D. G. Stoughton in Hartford, and remained there ten years, which length of service in itself is evidence of his efficiency and worth. On leaving there, in 1889, he came to Windsor and bought the business of the late A. M. Holt, at once began to enlarge and improve the store, and in 1896 built his present excellent store room—the best in Windsor—which is fitted up in the most approved style. He now enjoys an excellent trade, and does a profitable business. Mr. Mason is one of the shrewd and careful business men of the place, is systematic, and very attentive to the wants of his customers. He is certainly one of the representative business men of Windsor, and one of its best citizens.

Mr. Mason was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Cooley, of Hartford, a daughter of ex-Representative Charles H. Cooley, and they have two children: Howard C. and Arthur C. In his political affiliations Mr. Mason is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of B. H. Webb Lodge, No. 702, R. A., of Hartford. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church,

while his wife holds membership in the Universalist Church. They have a delightful home adjoining his place of business, and within its hospitable doors their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome.

THEODORE B. ACKERLY, M. D., a rising young physician of Hartford, with office at the corner of Main and Pearl streets, was born Feb. 9, 1874, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Doctor's ancestors were early settlers of New York and his grandfather and father, William Ackerly, were both born there. The latter was engaged in wagon manufacturing in New York and Massachusetts for many years. He married a lady named Brooks, who now resides in Hartford, and they had two children: Jennie C. and Theodore Burton.

Dr. Ackerly spent much of his boyhood on Long Island, and after completing a common-school course entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1892. He also attended St. Stephen's Theological School, at Annandale, N. Y., Dartmouth College, and the Long Island Medical College, from which latter he was graduated in 1897. Locating in Hartford in the same year, he speedily won recognition, and in 1898 was chosen city physician.

JAMES F. O'LEARY, A. B., M. D., one of Hartford's progressive and successful physicians, was born in that city Oct. 18, 1873, son of Patrick and Mary (Foley) O'Leary. His ancestory is traced through several generations, the family home having been in County Kerry, Ireland, where his great-grandfather O'Leary lived and died. Cornelius O'Leary, our subject's grandfather, was born in County Kerry, and after engaging in farming there for some time came to America, and passed his remaining years in retirement at Northampton, Mass. He had five children: Patrick, Cornelius, Jeremiah, Julia (who married Michael Courtey), and Bridget (deceased).

Patrick O'Leary, our subject's father, was born in 1846 in County Kerry, Ireland, and was educated in the schools of that locality. He accompanied his father to America, locating first in Northampton, Mass., and after some years removing to Hartford, where he entered the Washburn factory as a melter; he is now employed as foreman of a department by Connelly & Cody. He is an intelligent man, a close observer, and fond of reading, and is an active member of St. Patrick's Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Politically he is independent, though for a number of years he affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife is a daughter of James F. Foley, a foundryman, who came from Ireland and located first in Northampton, Mass. The training and education of their eight children has been their chief care, and they have a clever and promising family: Jeremiah P., a mason; James Francis; Mary, who married John Henry Hogan; Patrick, deceased; Margaret, at home; John, a student; Bridget; and Annie, at home, now attending school.

Dr. O'Leary was graduated from St. Patrick's school, in Hartford, in 1888, and then took a course in the high school, graduating April 22, 1892. In the fall of the same year he entered Villa Nova College, at Villa Nova, Delaware Co., Penn., where he took a three-years course in two years, and was given the degree of B. A. in 1894. The class numbered thirty-four, and the Doctor was valedictorian, and also received a medal for proficiency in the classics. As he tied with a classmate in philosophy two medals were given. While at college he was a member of the base-ball and foot-ball teams. In the fall of 1894 our subject began the study of medicine in Baltimore Medical College, where he studied for two years, and in 1896 he entered the University of Buffalo, Senior year, taking his degree in the spring of 1897. In May, 1897, he opened an office alone in Hartford, and he has been very successful in his practice, his keen mind and thorough training enabling him to meet the problems of professional life effectively.

Socially the Doctor is popular, and he is a member of the Order of Foresters; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Monday Night Bowling Club; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is medical examiner in the Foresters, and in one tent of the Maccabees and Modern Woodmen.

JOHN KORNGIEBEL, the first German to locate in Glastonbury, and the oldest now living there, is a good representative of that thrifty, industrious, sensible race which has furnished to America so many excellent citizens. He was born near Eisenach, Saxe-Weimar, Germany, where his family has long been well known. His grandfather, John Korngiebel, a farmer, there married and had two sons—David, our subject's father; and Conrad, a blacksmith, who met his death by drowning in the river near his home.

David Korngiebel engaged in farming at the old home, and was married there to Margaret Heidride, by whom he had three sons: David, who died in childhood; John; and Frederick. In 1848 the family came to America, the voyage from Bremen to New York lasting forty-nine days, and they landed in New York March 12, 1848, without funds or friends. Employment was found at various odd jobs by which all managed to subsist until our subject found steady work in Glastonbury, where they settled, the father dying there in 1857, and the mother in 1877. Frederick located finally at Belchertown, Mass.; he married (first) Julia Miles and (second) May Eaton.

While looking for work in New York in 1849, John Korngiebel chanced to meet Mr. Sparks, of East Glastonbury, who was seeking workmen for his mill, and an arrangement was speedily made. His wages were only $16 per month, but helped

much toward securing a home for the family, and as soon as he could begin to save, he invested in a tract of forty acres of land, belonging to Henry Wright. After six years in the mill he decided to devote his time to farming, and he has since added nineteen acres to his first purchase, making fifty-nine acres in all. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, and are much esteemed socially. Mr. Korngiebel married Martha Isleib, who was born in 1822, daughter of Henry Isleib, a native of Saxony, and they had children as follows: (1) Lena died in New York shortly after their arrival. (2) Frederick, born April 20, 1846, married Hannah Frey, and reside in Waterbury. He served in the Civil war in Company A, 21st Conn. V. I. (3) William, born April 25, 1850, married Emily Hodge, of East Glastonbury, and now resides there. (4) John, born April 22, 1853, married Rose Covell, and settled in Manchester, where he is employed in Cheney Brothers' Silk Mill. (5) Martin, born Aug. 26, 1855, married Mary Gilson, and died Jan. 24, 1885. He was employed in a mill in East Glastonbury. (6) Martha, born April 3, 1858, died Feb. 12, 1885. (7) Margaret, born July 25, 1860, married Henry Friar, of Manchester. (8) An infant died unnamed. (9) David, born Aug. 4, 1865, on the present homestead, attended the Neipsic school in boyhood. On leaving school he turned his attention to farming, relieving his father of business details, and he is now tenderly caring for his aged parents. He is much respected in the community. While he has never cared for politics, he is a Democrat, as is our subject, and socially he is identified with Elm Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Glastonbury, and the Grange.

JOEL C. TAFT, a well-known resident of Hartford, was born Jan. 13, 1848, in East Glastonbury, Conn., son of Frederick J. Taft.

Otis Taft, his grandfather, was born and reared in New York City, and was engaged in business there for many years, dying at the age of eighty-five. His wife, Rebecca, who was a native of the city, attained the same age.

Frederick J. Taft was born in New York City, where he received a common-school education. As a boy he assisted his father, and later he took possession of the business, which was then located at the corner of Washington and York streets. In addition to his manufacturing he sawed a vast amount of lumber, but he finally sold out and retired to East Glastonbury, where he died when sixty-two years of age. His wife, Caroline M. Cutter, died aged eighty-two. She was born in East Glastonbury, daughter of Allen Cutter, a farmer, and a very extensive land owner of that town, who died at an advanced age. Our subject was one of a family of seven children, and is the youngest of the three survivors. Frederick J. resides in East Hartford. Caroline married Albert Butler, of New Haven. Both father and grandfather were Democrats politically, but refused all offices, although taking an active interest in party success. The family has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years.

Joel C. Taft was educated mainly in his native town, but during his boyhood went to Manchester, where he remained two years. He then went to Hartford, where he began driving teams, and later went to Bundysburg, Ohio, to work in a stone quarry, remaining three years. Finding a good opening at Nelson, Portage Co., Ohio, he engaged in quarrying there on his own account, but soon sold out to good advantage. For a short time he followed farming near Kalamazoo, Mich., then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and finally returned to Hartford, and learned the molder's trade. After following his trade for a time he was employed to drive a coal wagon, and in 1888 embarked in the coal business in a small way. He finally sold out and took a position with H. C. Burgess, with whom he remained some years as superintendent, and in 1895 he started his present yard and office, where he has built up a good business. The yard is located at the foot of Church street, and at present he has two offices, at No. 1350 Main street, and at No. 29 Albany avenue, respectively. He has also o feed, boarding and hack stable at No. 1177 Main street, and keeps twenty-four horses, his line of hacks being the finest in the city. Mr. Taft has the reputation of having an interest in the prosperity of the town of East Hartford, and of having done more to build up East Hartford than any other man now living there. At one time he purchased a large tract of land and developed it, building a number of houses, and though he sold a number he still owns six, including his own beautiful residence. In 1874 he married Miss Emily Steadman, of Windsorville, Conn., a member of a pioneer family of that town. They have five children: Albert, now bookkeeper for our subject; William, yardmaster at the yard; Charles, head night clerk at the "United States Hotel," Hartford; Harry, who was educated in the common schools, and is now a clerk with his father; and Albert, a student in business college.

Mr. Taft is a Bryan Democrat, a firm believer in the Chicago Platform, and in the national campaign of the fall of 1896 made seventeen speeches. He has held the office of constable and second selectman in East Hartford, and now holds the office of justice of the peace. He is a man of fine intelligence, combined with a ready flow of language, and has pleaded a number of cases successfully in the justice court. He held the office of railroad policeman for a number of years. Mr. Taft has also served on the school committee of East Hartford, and has taken a very active interest in the schools, exercising great care in the selection of the best teachers. He liberally supports both churches and schools, and is ever ready to forward any enterprise for the benefit of East Hartford. For many years he has been a member of the First Company Governor's Horse Guard, in which he ranks

as lieutenant, and he is a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, having previously served with No. 1 Company as a volunteer. He was the organizer of the fire department of East Hartford, and was chosen foreman of the company, and was later elected second assistant and then chief engineer of the department. Socially he is a member of Crescent Lodge, K. of P.

ANDREW FRINK GATES is a prominent and successful lawyer of Hartford, where he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession since 1889, and he has won wide recognition in public service, as well as in the private pursuit of his chosen calling.

Mr. Gates was born Oct. 22, 1862, at Lebanon, New London Co., Conn., son of William F. and Ellen (Ford) Gates. After a thorough preliminary education he entered Yale College, whence he was graduated in 1887, and in 1889 he completed the course in Yale Law School, being admitted to the Bar in New Haven county in the same year. For four years—1889 to 1893—Mr. Gates served as prosecuting attorney of Hartford county; in 1889 and 1891 he was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of the State; was clerk of the House in 1893; and clerk of the Senate in 1895. In all these positions he acquitted himself with a fidelity and true sense of the responsibilities of his trusts which could not fail to win him the hearty commendation of all concerned, and his many sterling characteristics, combined with legal skill and acumen, have gained him an enviable standing in the ranks of the legal profession in his city and county. In 1893 he was elected a member of the board of school visitors for a term of six years, during the latter half of which he was acting visitor.

On Nov. 9, 1893, Mr. Gates was united in marriage with Miss Alice Louise Welch, daughter of Dr. John and Elizabeth (Bell) Welch, of Hartford.

HENRY S. AVERY, a well-known resident of Bristol since 1854, was born in Groton, New Haven county, Conn., April 6, 1826, and is a son of Alford and Martha (Smith) Avery, the former of whom was born Sept. 12, 1792, a son of Dennison and Hannah (Babcock) Avery, and the latter born in 1799.

Henry S. Avery, three days after birth, lost his mother, and for one year was cared for by a lady friend of the family. He was then taken to South Coventry, Conn., by his grandfather, and at the proper age was sent to the public school and cared for until he was nine years old, when he was taken to Mystic, Conn., and bound out, until twenty-one, to Nathaniel Lewis. The relationship was not pleasant, and three years later young Henry S. went to live on the farm of an uncle in North Stonington, where he remained one year. He next worked on the farm of Eleazer Bill, at Columbia, for four and a half years, then carried on the farm of Dr. Andinijah White at Andover, for two years, for the six months following he worked for Silas Loomis, on Hop river, near Andover, thence going to Rockville, where he worked in the Springville and other cloth mills for twelve years. In 1854 Mr. Avery came to Bristol and worked in the Dunbar spring factory a year, and about eight months in a satinet factory, when ill health caused him to withdraw. His next employment was as a silver burnisher for the Bristol Brass & Clock company, but a year and a half later, burnishing was abandoned, and Mr. Avery worked as a spinner in N. L. Birge's stockinet factory.

On Sept. 17, 1862, Mr. Avery enlisted in Co. K, 16th C. V. I., and took part in the battle of Antietam, but in fording the river contracted a severe cold, and lost his luggage. After the battle was over he was sent to a hospital in Maryland, but later transferred to another in Alexandria, Va., where he was confined until honorably discharged, Jan. 29, 1863. Mr. Avery worked for nine years at drillings for clocks for Wilfred Nettleton, and then started the fish and oyster trade, which he conducted from 1873 until 1890, when he retired. His old stand on Main street is now conducted by C. U. Bornes. Although retired, Mr. Avery cannot live in idleness, and passes a great deal of his time in canvassing for the "Happy Hour," a family story paper, published at Portland, Maine.

Mr. Avery was married, May 24, 1849, to Miss Cynthia A. West, who was born July 20, 1824, at Marlborough, a daughter of Roswell and Betsey (Sumner) West. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Avery, however, have an adopted daughter, Nellie Eva, born July 4, 1873, who is now the wife of George Linstead, of Bristol, and the mother of one child—Freeman Avery, born Sept. 6, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Avery are members of the Congregational Church. They celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding day last May. Mr. Avery is a member of Pequabuck Chapter, R. A. M., of Bristol. In politics he was first a Whig, but on the disintegration of that party became a stanch Republican.

FRANK SEWALL CORNISH is a most fitting representative of the young progressive business men of Glastonbury. He has attained success and is still engaged in furthering the commercial interests of that town. With energy, integrity and ambition as his capital, he began his business career, and has found these qualities an excellent investment, yielding a steady and satisfactory income. Mr. Cornish is of the ninth generation from James Cornish, the founder of the family in Connecticut, who was the representative of an old Massachusetts family, was the first schoolmaster at Northampton, Mass.; was appointed clerk of the courts in Hampshire county, Mass., in 1667, later removed to Connecticut and died at Simsbury October 29, 1698. The line of descent to our subject is as follows: (2) Deacon James, born in 1663, settled in

Simsbury about 1695, died April 2, 1740; (3) Capt. James, eldest son of Deacon James and Elizabeth (Thall) Cornish, born Oct. 30, 1693, died March 22, 1784. (4) Sergeant Elisha, son of Capt. James and Amy (Butler) Cornish, was born June 5, 1720, and died April 27, 1794; (5) Capt. James, son of Sergeant Elisha and Hepsibah (Humphrey) Cornish, was born Dec. 16, 1744, and died July 9, 1813; (6) Colonel James, son of Capt. James and Rhuhama (Bidwell) Cornish, was born in 1776, and died Jan. 30, 1836; (7) Charles E., son of Col. James and Cynthia (Russell) Cornish was born April 13, 1805, and died Feb. 14, 1882. (8) Charles H., son of Charles E., and Mary N. (Vining) Cornish, was the father of our subject.

Charles H. Cornish was born in Simsbury, May 17, 1837. He was educated in the schools of Simsbury, Tariffville and Hartford, and about 1860 removed with his parents to Glastonbury. As a young man he entered the factory of Ames & Co., at Naubuc as burnisher, and later engaged in farming in Glastonbury. His death, the result of an accident, occurred Feb. 14, 1873. While driving a fractious colt he was thrown to the ground, his head striking on a stone and resulting in fatal injuries. Charles H. Cornish was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Cook, who died Nov. 2, 1857, leaving no issue. For his second wife Charles H. Cornish, on July 15, 1861, married Harriet E. Risley, who was born Oct. 20, 1838, daughter of Elihu and Harriet Waterman, of Naubac. By this second marriage there were three children, Charles A., who was born Sept. 6, 1862, and married Jessie Peck and lives at Glastonbury; Frank Sewall; and Robert, born Aug. 26, 1871, a resident of Ware, Massachusetts.

Frank Sewall Cornish, was born July 19, 1865, in Naubuc. He was only eight years old when orphaned by the death of his father, and thus deprived of a father's guiding help, was at an early age obliged by circumstances to win his own way in life. He attended the district school in winter, and worked hard in summer to earn his way through school, and to contribute to the support of his widowed mother. Later he attended Hannum's Business College, and on returning to Glastonbury he entered the factory of Williams Bros., where he remained for a time, resigning his position in 1891 to start the stage line between Glastonbury and Hartford. Mr. Cornish continued in this business for four years, and then purchased from William W. Brown his present place, where he opened the livery and meat business, which he has since conducted most successfully. He has the largest meat route in Glastonbury, and his livery business is equally prominent. Mr. Cornish also owns a blacksmith shop. Realizing the need of a hotel at Glastonbury, in 1899 he began the construction of a fine modern structure which is a monument to his energy and enterprise.

On Jan. 1, 1891, Frank S. Cornish was married to Miss Mary Isleit, who was born March 7, 1872, daughter of Andrew and Kate (Hopsang) Isleit, natives of Germany. Two children have blessed this union: Dayton, born Jan. 5, 1893, and Ruth, born June 1, 1895. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and he is now serving as constable. He is a member of Midian Encampment, No. 53, I. O. O. F., and of Monitor Council, No. 61, N. A. M. He is self-made in the best sense of the term, and his property and business are the creation of his own unaided effort.

MATTHEW G. ANDERSON, farmer, town of Enfield, Hartford county, Connecticut.

CHARLES LEONARD MILLARD is of English descent. His grandfather, Leonard M. Millard, was born July 22, 1801, and was a successful machinist of Bangor, Maine, but toward the close of his life abandoned work at his trade and purchased a farm at Indian Orchard, Mass., where he died April 7, 1861. On June 22, 1822, he married Amy Stearns, who survived him for seven years, dying on July 12, 1868. They were the parents of seven children, of whom we give a necessarily brief mention: The eldest, Adeline E., was born Aug. 29, 1825, married in November, 1842, to Henry Denslow, and died Nov. 23, 1857; Leonard Clark was the father of Charles L., and his life story will be more fully told in a succeeding paragraph; Charles H. was born Oct. 1, 1832, became a dealer in boots and shoes in a Massachusetts town, and died Jan. 5, 1893; Stephen M. was born March 11, 1835, was a stone mason by trade, and died June 3, 1896; George S. was born Sept. 27, 1837, and died on Dec. 12, following; Georgiana was born Aug. 16, 1839, became the wife of Horatio Marsh in October, 1856, and is still living in Massachusetts; William F., the youngest of the family, was born Aug. 21, 1842, and is at present a successful business man of Massachusetts, where he is engaged in the iron trade.

Leonard Clark Millard, father of Charles L., was born at Bangor, Maine, Sept. 17, 1827. He learned his trade from his father, and his natural mechanical aptitude enabled him to become an expert machinist, he being considered, in his day, one of the best in New England. His services readily commanded $5 per day. He was an assistant of Elias Howe, and rendered valuable aid to the "Father of the Sewing Machine" in his experimental work. He was in request at many places because of his recognized skill. For many years he was in the employ of the Ames Company, at Chicopee, Mass., going from there to Meriden, and later to New Britain, where he resided until 1868 or '69. He then accepted a proposal to become foreman and general manager of the Malleable & Gray Iron Co., of St. Louis, which position he continued to fill until 1881. In that year he returned to New Britain, and began work in the old Stanley Works. While his political faith was that of the Republican party, he was in no sense a politician.

On Nov. 19, 1848, Mr. Millard married Elizabeth Burrows, who bore him three children, as follows: Emma F., who was born May 5, 1850, and died Jan. 29, 1852; Emma S., born Feb. 29, 1852, married to John F. Herne, and now living at Larchmont, N. Y.; and Charles Leonard, who was born at Thompsonville, Hartford county, on April 15, 1854. Leonard C. Millard died Feb. 12, 1893, his wife having preceded him to the better land on July 14, 1863.

Charles L. Millard was educated in the common schools of New Britain, and was also a student under Professor Peck. He received on excellent training in the rudimentary branches of an English education, and left school when he was about fifteen years old. He learned the trade of a machinist under the instruction of his father, at St. Louis, virtually serving an actual apprenticeship thereat. In 1876, he went to New York, where he obtained work at his trade in the Higgins Carpet Factory, on 42nd street. Being naturally fond of change, he, in 1879, went to California, working at his trade in the cities of San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles. He found some difficulty in overcoming the latent and sometimes expressed hostility to mechanics from the East, and in 1882 he left California for the Black Hills, where he engaged in prospecting. In Sept., 1884, he returned to New Britain, and was for thirteen years in the employ of S. H. Beard, his work consisting of the installment of steam and hot water heating apparatus. His technical knowledge and recognized skill secured for him, in 1897, the appointment as janitor of a high school, which position he has ever since held.

Mr. Millard is a Republican, but he takes no active part in politics. He is a member of the Order of United American Mechanics and of the Red Men. He married Minnie Louise Potter, a daughter of Prof. Joseph M. Potter, formerly an instructor in music in the old high school. Five children have been born to them: Milton Potter, Leon Pierpont, Amelia Burrows, Ann and Marie Herne.

HENRY E. BILLINGS. This well-known citizen of Hartford, who has gained a prominent place in business circles as the head of the Billings Sidewalk & Masons' Supply Co., was born May 3, 1824, in Chatham, Conn. He comes of an excellent family, and his grandfather, Zadock Billings, was one of the leading farmers of Chatham, where he died. His wife, whose maiden name was Chase, was a native of Rhode Island, and rounded out a full century of life. This worthy couple had eight children, all now deceased.

Samuel Billings, our subject's father, was born in Chatham, and received a common-school education, meanwhile assisting in the work of the homestead. After engaging in farming for a time he went West, and he died in California at the age of sixty years. He married Anna Hale, a native of Portland, Conn., one of the family of four daughters and three sons of Ephram Hale, a well-known agriculturist of that section. She lived to the age of eighty-four, and for many years she and her husband were active workers in the Episcopal Church of Chatham. They had eight children, of whom two are living besides our subject: Betsy A., Mrs. Wheeler, a widow, resides in Hartford, Conn.; and William E. is a farmer near Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Our subject remained in Chatham until fourteen years old, gaining his education in the common schools of that town. He then went to Glastonbury, where he continued to attend common school while working on a farm, and later was engaged in a tannery. At twenty he engaged in the milling business, which he carried on for five years at Glastonbury and two years at East Hartford. Wishing to test the advantages of agricultural life, he purchased a farm at West Hartford, but after three years' trial he sold the place and resumed the milling business, at Glastonbury. In 1862 he removed to Hartford, and took a position with a brother-in-law in his present yard, No. 154 Charter Oak street, remaining two years. For six years he operated the Leonard Daniels mill, at Hartford, and spent the next seven years conducting a meal store at the corner of Sheldon and Main streets. On selling out he again took a position with his brother-in-law, and after the death of the latter, in 1884, he took charge of the business, which he has greatly enlarged. The company is regularly incorporated as a joint-stock concern, and their business is the largest in that line in the city. They are sole agents for the Alpha Portland Cement, and make a specialty of laying sidewalks and factory floors. Their stock includes a full line of North River and Pennsylvania blue-stone flagging, granite curb, gutter, crosswalks, paving stone, lime, cement, plaster, hair, sea sand, mortar color, drain and land tile, chimney flue linings, extension chimney tops, and King's Windsor cement and dry mortar. They have laid many ferrolithic concrete walks, and samples of their work in this line may be seen at the National Fire Insurance Co., Unity building, Ballerstein's, "Hotel Hartford," Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford Gas Light Co., Hartford Life Insurance Co., Wise Smith & Co., D. E. Strong's building on Church street, and elsewhere in the city. Among some of the work in asphalt done by them we may mention the driveways in the rear of the Hartford Gas Light and Connecticut Fire Insurance Cos'. buildings, on Grove street, numerous walks and washstands about the city, and the basement of the Pope Manufacturing Co.'s new office building. The business keeps twenty-five or thirty men employed in summer, and ten horses are needed the year round, from two to four being added in summer. An extensive business is done in teaming also during the summer season.

In 1848 Mr. Billings married Miss Celestia P. Brewer, daughter of Allen Brewer, a prominent ag-

riculturist near East Hartford, who died in 1864. Her mother's maiden name was Vatina Bidwell. In 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Billings celebrated their Golden Wedding. She passed away Sept. 27, 1900. Of their three children, (1) Helen is the widow of James A. Kennedy, formerly in the dry-goods business, and has three daughters, Addie, Maud and Grace. (2) Grace B. married J. D. Candee, treasurer of the company. (3) Henry F., secretary of the same company, was born in Glastonbury April 13, 1861, and was educated in the common schools. He entered the office of the Charter Oak Insurance Co. as an errand boy, and rose to be bookkeeper, remaining there eleven years. While there he learned stenography, and subsequently was engaged three years as stenographer for Mr. Shepherd, superintendent of the New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. He then went into business with his father, and since 1893 he has held a position as clerk in the railroad commissioners' office, at the State Capitol at Hartford. He is a member of Hartford Lodge, F. & A. M. On April 15, 1891, he married Miss Minnie Evans, a native of Hartford, and they have two children, Beth and Forrest. The family is prominent in social life, and our subject has been a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 54, F. & A. M., since 1860, and was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family attend the Congregational Church, but he has declined to accept office in the society. His unwillingness to undertake official duties extends to municipal affairs, and when urged by his fellow workers in the Republican party to accept a place on the ticket he has refused, much to the regret of his friends in both political organizations.

BENAJAH HITCHCOCK, one of the most respected retired business men in the town of Bristol was born in Cheshire, Conn., Dec. 24, 1824, a son of Chauncey and Sarah (Bristol) Hitchcock.

Chauncey Hitchcock was a native of Wallingford, Conn., was a shoemaker by trade, and after his removal from Wallingford to Cheshire continued to work at his trade and also engaged in farming. He was a man of straightforward character, unpretentious in manner. In Cheshire he married Miss Sarah Bristol, a daughter of Augustus Bristol, known to many as Augustus Brister, a hero of the Revolutionary war. To this marriage were born six children, as follows: Rebecca, who was married to George Wilmoth, died in the State of New York; Matilda, who was married to a Mr. Cooper, died in Southington, Conn.; Sarah, who married Robert Sloper, also died in Southington; George, who married a Miss Hart, died in New York State, where he had been engaged in farming; Mary Ann married Jacob Curtiss, and died in the West; and Benajah, the youngest, is the subject of this sketch.

Benajah Hitchcock has had a varied career. In his younger days he was taken from place to place by his father, and was educated in Southington and Kensington. Leaving school at the age of sixteen years, he was employed in making bolts, buttons and small hardware in the vicinity of Kensington and Southington for several years; later worked seven or eight years making ears for kettles in the factory of Isaac Botsford, at Berlin, and about the year 1849 came to Bristol. For two years after coming here he worked in the match factory of E. Clark, in New Haven. His next employment was the making of picture frames for four or five years for Byington & Graham, in Bristol. He then bought and fitted up with the most improved apparatus a match factory in Stafford, Conn., whither he removed, and most successfully managed the plant five or six years, when he sold it, returning to Bristol and establishing a paper-box factory on Divinity street; this he also profitably conducted ten years, and then disposed of it to Herbert J. Mills, retiring from active business pursuits.

Mr. Hitchcock was married, Sept. 4, 1849, to Miss Nancy Anna Mix, who was born July 1, 1831, a daughter of Asahel and Anna (Judd) Mix, of Bristol. This marriage has been blessed with two children: (1) Delia Eleanor, born March 27, 1851, is the wife of David Allyn, of Montgomery, Mass., and has five children, Louis B., Winifred (married to Clinton Clark), Walter D., Edith and Rachel. (2) Ellen Louise, born July 13, 1861, married to Rev. Samuel G. Neil, a traveling evangelist and missionary, sent out by the Baptist Society for chapel-car work in the central West; Mr. and Mrs. Neil have one child, Anna, born Aug. 5, 1888. Mr. Hitchcock has been very active as a member of the Second Advent Christian Church, is a profound Bible student, and has preached in every town and city in Connecticut; for several years he was pastor of the Advent Church in Wallingford. He is a Republican in his political views, but has never taken an active interest in party affairs.

THEODORE H. KEIRNS, who for nearly twenty years prior to his death, Jan. 4, 1900, had been a prominent citizen of Bristol, was a man who, through his own efforts and force of character, had risen to a creditable position in society and the business world. Mr. Keirns was born May 29, 1850, at Ashland, N. Y., son of Thomas E. and Helen Keirns, who were the parents of nine children, only three of whom are now living: Thomas E., who is a substantial citizen and farmer residing in Union Society, N. Y.; Mrs. Mark E. Butts, of East Windham, N. Y.; and Mrs. Charles A. Munn, of Union Society, N. Y. The father of these was a blacksmith by trade and occupation. The mother still survives.

Theodore H. Keirns learned the blacksmith's trade, beginning with his father when very young, and so small that he had to stand on a box in order to reach the forge. The father died when the son was only eleven years of age, and at twelve the latter went out into the world to do for himself, making his home from twelve until twenty-one with

John P. Lewis, a farmer of Unionville, Conn.; while with him he learned the trade of wood-working. Upon attaining his majority young Keirns left Mr. Lewis, and went to Plainville, where he learned the business of laying concrete walks, under a Mr. Woodruff. He came to Bristol in 1873, and engaged in that line of work, as the years passed developing an extensive business in this line, which embraced street curbing, the laying of flagging pavements, etc. While living with Mr. Lewis he had experience in the woods in working with timber, and so during the winters, when his main business was at a standstill, he employed a number of men in getting out timber for railroad ties and other purposes, using a portable sawmill. He was energetic and active, and never being content unless busy, he generally had a number of irons in the fire at once. For a period he carried on street sprinkling in connection with his other business, and was in the ice business, too. He laid many of the walks and did much of the work in his line that was done during the time of his stay there. He did large jobs for the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. in all parts of the State. At the time of the building of the reservoirs of the Water Co. of Bristol Mr. Keirns was placed in charge of the work, and later, in 1886, became superintendent of the company, a position which he held at the time of his death. He was also vice-president of the Bristol Journal Publishing Co. He was enterprising and public-spirited, and the life of any enterprise with which he was connected, or any gathering favored with his presence. In politics he was a Democrat, and but for the fact that his party was greatly in the minority in his community, he would doubtless have been frequently in public life. He served as assessor of Bristol, as well as in other town offices. Socially, he was prominent, rising to the thirty-second degree in Masonry. In Lodge work he was an active member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., Pequabuck Chapter, R. A. M., and the Council, of New Britain, and of Bristol Grange No. 116, taking an especially active interest in the work of the Grange, and being frequently heard in their debates. His wife, too, was a member of the Grange, and both were members of the Order of the Eastern Star. In earlier life he was identified with the K. of P.

On September 26, 1888, Mr. Keirns was married to Miss Ella M. Cannon, born May 27, 1862, the only daughter of the late William T. Cannon, of New Haven, of which city her mother is still a resident. Mr. Keirns was a man of strict integrity and honesty, and as a man had the courage of his convictions. He was a power in the community. He was charitable and gave liberally of his means to worthy objects. Mrs. Keirns is a member of the Congregational Church. There were no children born to this couple. She was an invalid for several years, during which period she received the most devoted attention that a husband could give a wife.

CHARLES E. LORD, a leading groceryman of Elmwood, Hartford county, is comparatively a recent acquisition to the goodly array of progressive business men of the town, but his ability, enterprise and upright methods have already established for him an enviable reputation. He is a native of this county, born in Southington Oct. 16, 1866, and is a son of Sylvester O. Lord, a native of Broad Brook, Conn., and a member of a Connecticut regiment during the Civil war. During the period of that conflict the grandfather, Charles E. Lord, was a resident of Broad Brook, but later was a night watchman in Southington.

Our subject attended the public schools of Southington during his boyhood, served an apprenticeship in the silverware business, and followed that trade in Southington for twelve years, after which he was in the employ of the Barbour Silver Co., of Hartford, for eight years. He was also manager of the Hartford Brick Co. for a year, and in 1895 purchased the grocery store of J. H. Raymond, in Elmwood, which he has since conducted with marked success, having built up a most excellent trade.

Mr. Lord was married in West Hartford to Miss Ellen L. Shaw, a daughter of John M. Shaw, and they have two children, Edith May and Charles Edward. Fraternally he is a member of Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M., and Washington Lodge, K. P., of which he is past chancellor. He is now filling the office of constable of his town in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

HON. JULIUS NOTT (deceased), of whose parents, John (a hero of the war of 1812) and Elizabeth (Blinn) Nott, more may be read in the biography of William Nott, on another page, was born June 11, 1819, at Rocky Hill, Hartford county, and was educated in the common schools of that town. He commenced his business career with Griswold & Keeney, learning the trade of a stone mason and brick layer. Prior to 1840 he came to Bristol, and in 1843 he began business on his own account, and executed work in various parts of the State until 1857, when, in the erection of the stockinette factory in Plainville, he met with an accident which prevented him from following his trade. Under these circumstances he turned his attention to the grocery business, and opened a store in Bristol in August, 1858, which he carried on very successfully until December 31, 1872, when he sold out his business at the corner of Main and Prospect streets to H. & L. G. Merick.

In 1870 Mr. Nott built the block on the ground where the old store had been burned. This block also was burned down on April 13, 1873, just three years and three months from the time of the previous fire in 1870. He rebuilt, and in the same year, 1873, he also built the Bristol Savings Bank, W. A. Terry's art gallery, corner of Laurel street and the shop in Forestville owned by Mr. Hubbell as a clock movement manufactory. From this date he spent

most of his time in looking after his property. From 1871 to 1874 he was selectman and road commissioner; he also represented Bristol in the Legislature in 1874, and was a director of the National and also the Savings Bank, from the time of their organization until his death. On Oct. 29, 1844, Mr. Nott married Miss Rachel Cooke, a native of Harwinton, Conn., born Feb. 7, 1817, and a daughter of Daniel Cooke, who passed the latter part of his life in Bristol. To Julius Nott and wife were born three children, viz: Charles Edward, Aug. 17, 1845; Catherine E., who was born in 1851, and died May 5, 1854, and Caroline Elizabeth, who died Sept. 6, 1855, at the age of six weeks. Julius Nott died Jan. 2, 1877, from the effects of an accident by the steam cars in Bristol.

CHARLES EDWARD NOTT was born in Bristol, where he attended the common schools until twelve years of age, and then clerked for his father until the latter disposed of his store, since which date he has done no active business, other than that of taking care of his real estate. Charles E. Nott was joined in wedlock June 25, 1884, with Miss Harriet J. Stoneburner, who was born in Pittsford, N. Y., July 5, 1850, but at the time of marriage was a resident of Brighton, in the same State, with her parents, John and Almira (McMinders) Stoneburner. To Mr. and Mrs. Nott there have been born no children. As was his honored father, Mr. Nott is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican in sentiment, but is indifferent as to party measures locally. Mr. and Mrs. Nott have their pleasant home at No. 30 High street, and with them resides the venerable Mrs. Julius Nott.

SETH BARNES, an active and influential citizen of Bristol, Hartford county, Connecticut.

GEORGE W. WOOLLEY, a prominent merchant of Hartford, was born Feb. 22, 1822, in Richmond, Va., of good New England parentage.

Mr. Woolley's father, William Porter Woolley, carried on the business of cabinet making at Boston, Mass., and at Glastonbury, Conn., before his removal to Richmond, Va., where he was employed for some time in the building of a fine theater. He returned North in 1822, and resided in Glastonbury until 1829: he died in New Haven, in 1831. His wife, Martha (Hollister), who died aged forty-four years, was one of the family of eight children (all now deceased) of Amos Hollister, a farmer and shipbuilder in Glastonbury. Her ancestors were among the pioneers of that locality, and her grandfather died there at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley had five children, of whom four are living: Sarah, Mrs. Parsons, a widow; William, resident of Hartford; George W.; and Martha, widow of Edwin Wadsworth. Both parents were members of the Episcopal Church, and were much esteemed by their associates.

George W. Woolley's history is of unusual interest, and his courage and ability, as shown by the fact that he has made his own way in life from the age of seven years, command respect. He was educated chiefly in the Glastonbury schools, but spent some years of his boyhood in Hartford and Albany. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the undertaker's trade in Hartford, and when twenty-one he started for himself in a small way, working very hard, and gradually building up a lucrative business, having now the largest in the State in his line. In 1846 he made the first casket constructed in the United States, and for many years he used his own patent in his work. Mr. Woolley employes twenty-five men in his factory at No. 586 Main street, and manufactures everything connected with his line of business, his large wholesale trade extending over all parts of the United States. In his time he has made caskets for many distinguished men, and his reputation for careful workmanship is of the best. He has rebuilt his residence at No. 88 Buckingham street, and built a number of houses and business blocks, and he also owns a large tract of land. For some years he was a stockholder in a bank and the Hartford Casket Co., and at times was interested largely in driving and other stock.

In 1844 Mr. Woolley married Miss Rhoda L. Fuller, who was born in East Haddam, daughter of Chauncey Fuller, and nine children have blessed the union. The eldest, Elizabeth, died aged twenty-seven years, and two died in infancy. Of the others (1) George H., who is in business with our subject, married Miss Ella Taylor Frisbie, and has four children. (2) Joseph C., who is in the hardware business in Hartford, married (first) Mary P. Sloan, and (second) Agnes Rodgers, and has two children, Alice and Harry. (3) Lucy. (4) Ellen A. is the widow of George A. Faxton, and has two children, Richard D. and Raymond W. (5) Charles Parsons married Charlotte Philipps, and has two children, Florence P. and Dorothy. (6) Mary Gertrude.

Mr. Woolley was one of the early members of St. John's Episcopal Church, and saw the cornerstone laid in 1842. He has held various offices therein during the past thirty years, for ten years has held his present office of senior warden, and previously served ten years as junior warden. In politics Mr. Woolley is a Republican. His children have taken an active part in church and Sunday-school work, as well as social life.

GEORGE A. FAXTON (deceased) was born in Hartford June 12, 1850, son of Hiram and Margaret (Collier) Faxton. His father, who was born in West Hartford, and engaged in business for many years as a book-binder, died at the age of sixty-seven. His mother, a native of Boston, died in early womanhood, and of their six children only four are living. George A. Faxton was educated in Hartford, and on completing his high-school course entered upon the business of book-binding in Hartford, and later was in the government service in Washington, D. C. On Oct. 10, 1877, he married Miss Ellen A. Woolley, and he died in

Washington in 1895, at the age of forty-five, after eighteen years of happy wedded life. His prominence in his profession made him a valued member of various printers' societies, and for a number of years he was an active worker in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EDWARD THOMAS LYONS, proprietor of the Lyons cigar factory No. 44 Windsor street, Hartford, is a native of that city, born May 24, 1864, a son of Edmund Lyons.

Edmund Lyons was born in Fermoy, Ireland, in 1824, and died in Hartford in September, 1894. His father, Michael Lyons, was also born in Fermoy, and his father, Edmund Lyons, was born in France, where Edward T. traces his ancestry back as far as 1652. Edmund Lyons, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, emigrated to the United States, arriving at Hartford in the spring of 1848, after a sea voyage of six months in a sailing vessel. He found employment at the "United States Hotel," as steward. Before coming to this country he had traveled extensively on the continent of Europe with Hon. John Hyde, of Castle Hyde, Fermoy. After spending several years in Hartford he went to Glastonbury, where most of his children were born. Returning to Hartford about 1858, he was employed at Colt's rifle factory until it was burned down. He was next engaged in J. W. Danforth's wholesale grocery house, remaining there until he retired on account of old age. Edmund Lyons married Bridget Foley, daughter of Dennis and Elizabeth (O'Connell) Foley, of Kanturk, Ireland, and they had nine children: Ellen, Michael, Elizabeth (deceased), Mary, James, Dennis A. (deceased), Julia, Edmund (deceased), and Edward T.; all of those living reside in Hartford.

Edward T. Lyons pased his early years at home, and was educated in the Christian Brothers school. When twelve years of age he began work as a clerk in T. Duffy's dry-goods store, and continued thus until he was twenty years of age, when he formed a partnership with his brother Dennis A., in the gentlemen's furnishing business. They remained together until Dennis died, when Edward T. carried the concern on alone for some twelve years, at the end of that time selling out to E. B. Dix. He then began the manufacture of the popular brand of cigars known as "Our Brothers," which he has conducted successfully up to the present time, finding a market for them throughout the State, and employing from twelve to fifteen men.

On June 22, 1892, Edward T. Lyons married Ellen A. O'Brien, born in Hartford, a daughter of Jeremiah O'Brien, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, May 20, 1818, and was the eldest of five brothers, Jeremiah, Dennis, Cornelius, Michael and Patrick, all born in Ireland. Mr. O'Brien came to America in the late 'forties, landing in Boston, subsequently located at Willimantic, this State, was employed as section boss on the old Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad, at Coventry, and was a contractor on the New York & New Haven railroad at Willimantic. Later removing to Hartford, he followed the grocery and provision business up to 1888, some thirty-five years in all, being among the oldest merchants in the city. He died in September, 1891, at the age of seventy-three years. On Jan. 15, 1854, at Willimantic, he married Catherine Crowley, who was born in Ireland, May 1, 1834, daughter of Cornelius and Mary Crowley, who came to this country, bringing the family. To Jeremiah O'Brien and his wife were born nine children, Mrs. Lyons being the only one now living, of whom are named: Mary, Dennis J., Catherine, John, Michael, Margaret, Michael (2) and Ellen A. The mother died Oct. 25, 1886. The parents were members of the Catholic Church, as were also our subject's parents. Mrs. Lyon's brother, Dennis J. O'Brien, was a charter member of Green Cross Council, Knights of Columbus, and took an active part in the organization of that society in Willimantic and Norwich. He passed away March 1, 1885, one of the first members of the Knights of Columbus to die in the United States; he was a bright, promising young man, and his friends and acquaintances throughout the State were numerous.

Mr. Lyons is a Democrat, but always votes for the best man, regardless of politics. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a charter member; the A. O. H., of which he is city and county treasurer; the Knights of the Maccabees; St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, of which he was treasurer some fourteen years; and the Knights of St. Patrick, and has taken a great interest in all these organizations.

Mr. Lyons has put up several fine buildings in Hartford, including his own handsome and pleasant residence, which is tastefully furnished, and equipped with all modern improvements, and where hospitality reigns. He and his wife, both of whom are highly esteemed in the community, represent two of the oldest Irish families in Hartford.

Dennis A. Lyons, brother of Edward T., who was in the furnishing business with our subject, was a charter member of Green Cross Council, Knights of Columbus; member of the Knights of St. Patrick; the Emerald Society; the A. O. H.; and St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, and was popular in the city among his numerous friends.

JOHN FLOOD, a prosperous agriculturist of Farmington, and a representative citizen, respected alike for his industry and integrity, may be properly placed in the list of self-made men, who through their own unaided efforts have achieved a well-merited success in life. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, June 25, 1821, is a son of Patrick Flood, who was also born in that county, where he lived and died. Besides our subject, he had three daughters and one son who came to this country.

John Flood was reared and educated in his native land, and when his school days were over

he engaged in farming there until 1852, in which year he emigrated to America, landing in New York. He worked for a time in Branford, East Haven and New Britain, Conn., and in 1861 came to Farmington, where he has since successfully engaged in farming. In 1865 he made his first purchase of land, to which he has added from time to time, as his financial resources have increased, until now he has a fine farm of eighty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. In connection with general farming he is also engaged in the dairy business, selling milk in New Britain. He was made a voter at that place, and has since been a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

In New Britain Mr. Flood was united in marriage with Miss Ann MacCele, and to them have been born ten children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Patrick H.; James; John, Jr.; Christopher; Peter; Margaret; and Mary.

PETER DORSEY. Few men in New Britain are as well known as this enterprising citizen, who has made his own way to success in business life, and at the same time has gained the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends. For many years he has served in various public positions of trust and responsibility, bringing to his duties the energy and ability which have characterized his business career, and he is regarded as one of the leading advisers of the local Democratic organization.

Mr. Dorsey comes of good old Irish stock, his ancestors having resided for generations in County Wicklow, Ireland. His great-grandfather, John Dorsey, was a native and lifelong resident of that County, and owned a farm in the parish of Hagerstown, being well-to-do for that time and locality. He was a man of influence in local affairs, and during the rebellion of 1798 took an active part against the tyranny of England.

William Dorsey, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in County Wicklow, and as a young man engaged in farming about six miles from his father's homestead. He became a thrifty, substantial citizen, his farm comprising about fifty acres of land. His wife, Jane Slack, was a daughter of William Slack, of the same county. They had the following children: Patrick, Catherine, William, Michael, John and James, all of whom remained in Ireland except Patrick.

Patrick Dorsey, the father of our subject, was born in 1828, in County Wicklow, about eight miles from the birthplace of his father. He was educated in Ireland, and when twenty-one years old came to America, locating first at Marlboro, Conn., where he was employed by a farmer off and on for about six years. For nearly twenty-two years he resided at Colchester, Conn., being employed in the quarries and rubber works, and since 1873 he has been a resident of New Britain, where he was connected for fifteen years with the screw factory now owned by Russell & Erwin. His industry and thrift have won him a competence, and he is highly respected among his associates. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and in religion he is a Roman Catholic, being a leading member of St. Mary's Parish, New Britain. His estimable wife, Catherine Eagan, who died in 1867, was a daughter of Peter Eagan, of County Clare, Ireland. Our subject was the first of six children, the others being: John, who died in 1898; Catherine, wife of Henry O'Brien; Mary, deceased; Patrick, who has his home in the South, and who has been connected with the United States Navy for many years, having traveled around the globe several times; and William, deceased.

Peter Dorsey was born Feb. 5, 1857, in Colchester, Conn., and was educated there in Bacon Academy. At the age of fourteen he left school, and after working for some time as a farm hand he removed to New Britain with his father. For three months he was employed in driving a cart, and on July 30, 1873, he entered the finishing department of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., where he spent about twenty-two years, being foreman for fifteen years. Since that time he has been engaged in the liquor business, and has also given much attention to politics. He has been a member of the Democratic town committee, and has served in various local offices, having been elected councilman from the Sixth ward in 1888, for two years, alderman in 1890, and re-elected in '92, '94, '96, '98, and registrar of votes of the city and town in October, 1898, for the term of one year. While on the board of aldermen he served as chairman of the police committee; and member of the committees on streets, sewers, and sale of public lands. He is a prominent member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and is president of the First Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a member of the Order of Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Dorsey married Miss Catherine Leonard, daughter of Michael Leonard, of Ireland, and they have had seven children, viz.: Edward, Margaret, William, Frederick, Catherine, Peter and Mary.

KASPER HAMBACH, farmer, town of East Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut.

MATHER. The name of Mather has been closely identified with the history of Hartford county for 250 years. The several children of the late Timothy Mather, of Hartford, of whom Walter S. Mather was one, are in the ninth generation in descent from Rev. Richard Mather, the American ancestor, the line of their descent being through Timothy, Rev. Samuel, Dr. Samuel, Nathaniel, Elijah, Return Strong and Timothy. Rev. Richard Mather was of the same family as the famous John Mather and Cotton Mather, of early Massachusetts history. The genealogy of the family under consideration is as follows:

John Mather, of Lowton, Winwick Parish, Lancashire, England.

Thomas Mather, of Lowton, Winwick Parish, Lancashire, England.

(I) Rev. Richard Mather, of Lowton, Winwick Parish, Toxteth Park, England, also Dorchester, Mass., born in 1596 in Lowton, died in Dorchester, Mass., in 1669. He married (first) Catherine, daughter of Edmund Holt, of Bury, in 1624; she died in 1655, and in 1656 he married (second) Sarah Story, widow of Rev. John Cotton, and daughter of Richard Hankridge, of Boston, England. She died May 27, 1676. Rev. Richard Mather's children were: Rev. Samuel, Timothy, Rev. Nathaniel, Joseph, Rev. Eleazer, and Rev. Dr. Increase. Rev. Richard Mather arrived in Boston Aug. 17, 1635.

(II) Timothy Mather, son of Rev. Richard, of Dorchester, Mass., was born in 1628, in Liverpool, England, and died in Dorchester, Mass., in 1684. He married (first) Catherine, daughter of Maj.-Gen. Humphrey Atherton, and in 1778-79 wedded (second) Elizabeth, daughter of Amiel Weeks. His children were: Rev. Samuel, Richard, Catherine, Nathaniel, Joseph and Atherton. Timothy Mather was a farmer, and settled in the town with his father. His death, at the age of fifty-six, was the result of a fall in his barn.

(III) Rev. Samuel Mather, of Windsor, Conn., son of Timothy, was born in 1650, in Dorchester, Mass., and died in 1727-28. He married Hannah, daughter of Gov. Robert Treat. She died in 1707-08. His children were Dr. Samuel, Hannah, Rev. Azariah, Ebenezer, Joseph, Elizabeth, Rev. Nathaniel, Benjamin and John. Rev. Samuel Mather was graduated at Harvard College in 1671, and then prepared himself for the ministry. He preached in Deerfield, Mass., thence going to Hatfield, whence he came to Milford and Branford, Conn., and from the latter place he was called to settle at Windsor, where he remained until his death.

(IV) Dr. Samuel Mather, son of Rev. Samuel, of Windsor, Conn., was born in 1677, and died in 1746. In 1704 he married (first) Abigail Grant, daughter of Samuel. She died in 1722, and he married (second) in 1723 Hannah, daughter of Nicholas B. Buckland. She died in 1758. His children were: Eliakim, Samuel, M. D., Timothy, Abigail, Nathaniel, Joseph, Charles, Abigail (2), Hannah, Lucy, Elizabeth, and Eliakim (2). Dr. Samuel Mather was graduated from Harvard College in 1698, and was licensed to practice medicine by the General Assembly in 1702. After a life of professional usefulness, during which he held various civil and military offices of trust and honor, he died in 1745, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

(V) Nathaniel Mather, son of Dr. Samuel, of Windsor, Conn., born in 1716, died in 1770. He married Elizabeth Allen, and their children were: Nathaniel, Charles, M. D., Elijah, Elizabeth, Rev. Allyn, Col. Oliver, John, Increase, Elizabeth (2), Timothy, M. D., Elihu, Abigail, Hanna and Roxana.

(VI) Elijah Mather, son of Nathaniel, of Windsor, Conn., born there in 1743, died in 1796. He married (first) Mary Strong and (second) Ruhama Roberts. He served for a time in the war of the Revolution. His children were: Mary, Elijah, Return Strong, Allyn M., and William.

(VII) Return Strong Mather, of Hartford, son of Elijah, born Jan. 1, 1771, in Windsor, died May 19, 1846. On May 8, 1798, he married Patty Shepherd Clark, daughter of Joel Clark, of Granby. She died June 11, 1867. Their children were: William, Elijah, Lydia C., Samuel, Mary, Huldah, Charles, Sarah J., Timothy and John. Return Strong Mather sold out his land in Windsor and came to Hartford, buying land for $40 an acre. He built a house on Windsor avenue which is still standing. He was a prominent Methodist, and it was from him that a loan of $5,000 was obtained which enabled that denomination to build its first church, at the corner of Trumbull and Chapel streets.

(VIII) Timothy Mather, son of Return Strong, of Hartford, born there Nov. 2, 1819, married Jan. 2, 1850, Nancy Chapin, who died Jan. 20, 1873, aged fifty years. Their children were: Walter Strong, Lydia C., Anna C., Oliver T., William A. (living in San Francisco), Arthur, Frank H., Julia Y. (married to Frederick H. Robertson, of Wichita, Kans.), and Nancy E. (wife of John Jenks, a teacher). Timothy Mather, the father of these children, was at his death the owner of 1,000 acres of land in Hartford, Windsor and Bloomfield, and was well known throughout the country as a breeder of cattle. His wife was a niece of Chester W. Chapin, of Springfield, the promoter of the Boston & Albany railroad.

Walter S. Mather, son of Timothy, was born April 3, 1851, on Upper Windsor avenue, Hartford, where he lived all his life, dying Feb. 22, 1899. He was an active factor in the life of the north end of the city, an energetic, hard-working man, carrying on large enterprises under his personal direction. He was formerly an extensive grower of tobacco, and was interested on a large scale in all branches of farming. In recent years he had been interested in the development of real estate in the northern part of Hartford, buying a large tract of land west of the Old North cemetery, where he laid out a street which he named after his son Pliny. There he built ten houses of modern style and convenience. He had other holdings in the northern section of the city, including his own residence, which was erected a few years ago, a few rods north of the former residence of his parents. He gave up the active management of his farm a few years ago, that duty since devolving upon his son Dexter.

Mr. Mather was a Democrat, and interested in the welfare of the party, was on the town committee of the party, and had often been a candi-

date for public office. He served on both boards of the city government from the Ld Seventh ward, and while on the board of aldermen was chairman of the City Hall committee. He had also served on the board of assessors and board of relief, and was considered a good judge of the value of realty. He served several terms on the Northeast District school committee, and was active in all matters pertaining to that school. In the autumn before his death he was the Democratic candidate for sheriff of Hartford county, entering into the contest with characteristic energy and bustle, and never for a moment doubting his success until within a day of the election, when he saw the inevitable re-election of Sheriff Smith. Mr. Mather's health for two or three years prior to his death had been precarious, and several times he had been confined to his house with chances of recovery against him, on account of organic disease of the heart. In the summer of 1898 he took a trip to Europe for rest and recreation, and on his return appeared to have improved in health materially. Mr. Mather was a member of Hartford Lodge, F. & A. M., Hartford Lodge of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Putnam Phalanx, in which he was a second lieutenant. Religiously he was connected with the Windsor Avenue Congregational Church. He was widely known in all this section, and counted his friends by the hundreds, being of a genial, companionable temperament, and a man of large heart. He will be missed, not only by those who were thrown in contact with him in business matters, but by a wide social circle of friends. Mr. Mather was a man of strong natural ability, and of very positive convictions.

On Nov. 16, 1869, Mr. Mather was married to Adelaide E. Phelps, daughter of Edward and Elvira (Denslow) Phelps, of Hartford, and they had children as follows: Pliny C., born July 12, 1871, died Jan. 30, 1894; Edith A., born Feb. 14, 1874, married Joseph P. Tuttle, an attorney of Hartford; and Dexter P. was born Oct. 24, 1880.

HENRY BREWSTER COOK, of Bristol, was born in that town Nov. 1, 1843, and is a son of H. T. and Sophia (Crampton) Cook.

H. T. Cook was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1809, but when young moved to Harwinton, Conn. He was a shoemaker by trade, but for many years kept a shoe store and did a great deal of custom work. In politics he was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican, and an equally strong advocate of temperance. To his marriage with Sophia Crampton, daughter of Stephen Crampton, of Farmington, were born four children, viz.: Ann Maria (1), who died in infancy; Ann Maria (2); Henry Brewster; and Ellen S., who lives with Henry B. The father of this family died in 1869, a member of the Congregational Church.

Daniel Cook, father of H. T. Cook, was a shoemaker and had a shop in Harwinton for a time, but later came to Bristol and worked for his son H. T. for some years before his death. He was twice married, and had several children, among whom are Mrs. Julia Nott; Adaline, now Mrs. Henry Wilson; Flora, the wife of Albro Griswold; H. T.; and Charles S., whose life was sacrificed in the war of the Rebellion.

Henry B. Cook left school in Bristol when sixteen years old, and went to work in E. L. Brewster's clock factory for a year or two; he then worked for R. G. Ives on crinolines until his enlistment, Aug. 24, 1862, in Company K, 16th C. V. I. He took part in all the engagements, skirmishes, marches and other military duties in which his regiment participated, passed through all without a wound, and was mustered out as corporal at New Berne, N. C., June 24, 1865.

After returning from the army Mr. Cook worked a year in Noah Pomeroy's clock factory, and then clerked for three years in Julius Nott's grocery store; he then clerked in his father's shoe store on Main street near the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad depot, until his father's death, and afterward continued the business at the same stand until 1886, when he removed to the Eber Block on North Main street.

Henry B. Cook was first joined in marriage in 1870 with Miss Caroline Birge, of Waterbury, who died in 1873, together with her infant, five weeks after the birth of the latter. The second marriage of Mr. Cook took place in 1873 to Miss Alice Robinson, a native of Bristol and a daughter of Asahel T. Robinson. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Harry Robinson and Alice C., born respectively July 25, 1879, and Jan. 22, 1889. Harry Robinson Cook is a graduate of Huntsinger's Business College of Hartford, and is at present employed in the office of the Bristol Brass & Clock Company.

Henry B. Cook is a member of Gilbert W. Thompson Post, No. 13, G. A. R., of Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., of Bristol, and of Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P. He was likewise a member of the Royal Arcanum, of which he was treasurer from its organization, fourteen years ago, until 1899, when he resigned. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but would never accept office. He and wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church, and are among the highly respected residents of Bristol.

MAJOR C. B. BOARDMAN, proprietor of the largest livery, feed and sales stable in Hartford, located at No. 356 Main street, was born Nov. 28, 1839, on Washington street, Hartford, and is a representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the city.

Our subject's paternal great-grandfather was among the pioneers of Hartford, and his grandfather, Rev. Mr. Boardman, was an honored minister in the Congregational Church, and preached for many years in a church which he assisted materially in building; it stood diagonally opposite

from our subject's place of business. His name is one of the historic ones of this section, and wherever known he was held in the highest esteem.

Allen C. Boardman, our subject's father, was born in Wethersfield avenue, Hartford, and became a farmer, his land being where Washington street now lies. He died aged forty-five years, and his wife aged fifty-four. He married Elizabeth Barnard, sister of Hon. Dr. Barnard, the greatest educator and writer of educational books of the century. She was born in the house where Dr. Barnard now lives, daughter of Clancy Barnard, a sea captain, who died in Hartford. Our subject was the youngest of four children, and is now the only one living. Both parents were members of the church in which the grandfather ministered so long.

Major Boardman was but eight years old when his father died, and for some years he made his home with his uncle John. He was educated in the schools of the city, and when eighteen began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed eighteen months. On Jan. 1, 1859, he started in the feed and stable business on State street, buying a half-interest of George Gait, and later he bought the other half. In 1873 he sold out and located at his present stand, where he has since remained. He has been in the livery business longer than any other man now in the city, and has the largest stable, keeping over seventy horses. His specialty is supplying coaches for private use and public occasions, and he has a large patronage in this line, as he owns the finest coaches in all that section, furnishing vehicles for all of the society affairs, such as weddings, afternoon teas, evening and theater parties, and also doing a large amount of private work. In addition he keeps the finest line of single and double rigs to be found in the city. The Major has been engaged somewhat extensively in real estate, having come into possession of the old farm, a part of which he still owns, and upon which he has three houses; he has also cut a street through the property. He resides in the house built by his father when he was a mere boy. As an employer he is a notable exception; of the twenty-four men which he employs, eighteen have been with him from ten to twenty years; and one man has been with him thirty-four years. At no time in his business career has he been compelled to ask any of them to wait for their money, which they have received promptly every Saturday night. As a business man he ranks very high, and in the city of Hartford is widely known.

In 1861 our subject married Sarah G. Lamb, who was born in Trumbull street, Hartford, daughter of James Lamb, and they had three children: (1) Grace married David J. Post, owner of the Veeder Cyclometer, and has three children, Elizabeth, Grace B. and David J. (2) Isabella married Henry J. Thompson, steward of the Retreat, Hartford, and has two children, Chauncy and Hattie B. (3) Harriet B. died in 1895, when twenty-two years of age, her loss being the greatest sorrow which has come to the Boardman family. She was a young lady of superior intelligence, and endowed with all the higher qualities of noble womanhood, had a host of friends, and was greatly admired by all who knew her; she was the only child at home, and the only one remaining unmarried. After her death one of the married sisters returned home, where she has since remained, and the other daughter lives in the house next door. The daughters all graduated from the Hartford Public High School, and have held an enviable position in social life.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, and was a member of the common council two terms, and alderman one term. He is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and was connected for many years with the Governor's Horse Guard, the most popular military organization in the city. Mr. Boardman rose from private to major, which position he held for fourteen years; when he resigned, in 1891, he was the oldest officer on the staff, and one of the oldest members of the Guard, having served continuously for twenty-four years. His grandfather was at one time major in the Guard, and later his father (Allen C.), and an uncle, Major Henry, held this rank. Including our subject, the family has served in the Governor's Horse Guard continually for over half a century.

GEORGE BURNETT, one of Burlington's most industrious and successful farmers, was born in 1829, in the parish of Furney, County Longford, Ireland, a son of John and Susan (Roger) Burnett, also natives of that county and members of the Church of England. By occupation the father was a farmer. Our subject was educated in the private schools of his native parish, and remained at home with his father until nineteen years of age, when he came to America. He proceeded from Dublin to Liverpool, and there took passage on the sailing vessel "Greenland," which after a voyage of thirty-seven days landed him at New York.

Mr. Burnett came at once to Burlington, Hartford Co., Conn., by way of Chicopee Falls, Mass., and found employment on the farm of William Gaylord, with whom he remained for a year and a half. Later he worked in the Alderman family for almost three years, and then went to Collinsville, where he was employed in the Collins Co.'s ax factory for a time, but as the work did not prove agreeable to him, he did not remain there long. Returning to Burlington, he secured a position on the farm of C. Barnes, and during the three years he continued in his employ saved enough money to purchase a small farm of his own in Burlington Centre. For two years he operated his own land, but at the end of that time he sold his place and returned to the employ of Mr. Barnes. His next purchase was the Hodge farm, a tract of seventy-five acres now owned by Mr. Alderman, and while living there he bought his present fine farm of 112

acres, known as the William Gaylord farm, where he first worked on coming to America. For the past thirty-five years he has been extensively engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying, and for a number of years he was also engaged in the manufacture of charcoal. Industrious, persevering, energetic and enterprising, he has through his own well-directed efforts and the able assistance of his wife met with success in the New World, and is now the owner of a valuable and well-improved farm.

In New Britain, Aug. 27, 1853, Mr. Burnett married Miss Bridget Lyneugh, a most estimable lady, and a devout member of the Catholic Church, who is noted for her piety and charity, and also for her devotion to her husband and family. She is a native of the parish of Kill, County Westmeath, Ireland, and a daughter of Edward F. and Mary Lyneugh. The children born to our subject and his wife are as follows: Jane, born Aug. 1, 1854, is now the wife of Thomas Mahoney, of Unionville; Susan, born June 18, 1856, was a school teacher in early life, and is now the wife of Richard Conlan, of Burlington; Ann, born July 10, 1858, is at home; John, born Nov. 29, 1860, married Ann Cochran, and resides in Unionville; Edward, born April 6, 1863, died April 8, 1863; George, born Nov. 1, 1865, died April 1, 1868; Katherine Elizabeth (Kate), born Oct. 3, 1867, is the wife of Michael Meyers, of New Hartford; Martin, born April 7, 1871, married Elizabeth Luclar, and resides in Bristol; Sophia, born Oct. 11, 1873, died Oct. 11, 1891; and Caroline, born Oct. 30, 1876, was educated at Notre Dame Convent, Waterbury, and is now Sister Maria Frances in the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Hartford.

Mr. Burnett usually votes with the Democratic party, but is not strictly partisan, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party ties. He has served his fellow citizens as selectman, a member of the board of relief, and a member of the school committee. He is a faithful member of the Catholic Church, and has always been found true to every trust reposed in him. The family is one of the highest respectability, and occupies an enviable position in the best social circles of the community.

SETH HOWARD CLARK. Twelve years have passed since this eminent citizen of Hartford, great in all the elements of true greatness, was summoned from earth to his heavenly reward, yet his memory is still green in the hearts of those who admired him for his talent and learning, honored him for his nobility of soul, and loved him for his rare qualities as a man and friend.

Born in Hartford April 27, 1814, Mr. Clark passed his long and useful life of seventy-four years in that city, entering into rest April 3, 1888. He was a son of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Buckland) Clark, and grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bunce) Clark, who were born Aug. 13, 1743, and June 25, 1753, respectively. Samuel Clark lived in an old house standing opposite the present site of the Retreat, on Washington street. Capt. Samuel Clark was engaged in the West India trade. His children were nine in number, three sons and six daughters: Lavinia died unmarried; Cynthia became the wife of David Selden, of West Hartford; Caroline married David Moody; Elizabeth was united to John Pratt; Lucy Ann married Hon. Mr. Kane, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Mary B. died at the age of sixteen. The sons were George, Charles and Seth Howard.

Seth H. Clark, the subject of the present memoir, was one of the most skillful and successful wood engravers of his time. To rare deftness in the use of the tools of his craft he joined the eye and touch of an artist. His reputation extended over New England and New York, and the leading publishers of the Eastern States were glad to avail themselves of his services, as were also authors who appreciated his work. Among the famous works which he illustrated were Peter Parley's geography, Mrs. Emma Willard's books, Comstock's Philosophy, and Smith's Geographical Series, as well as many of the subscription books of higher grade published in New England during the first half of the nineteenth century. During the latter years of his active life, however, his energies were chiefly devoted to the execution of fine work for manufacturers' catalogues, among his patrons being P. & F. Corbin, of New Britain, Conn., and Byron Weston, of Dalton, Mass. Many of his pictures are well known, although he is not recognized as the artist. Perhaps one of the most familiar is his spirited sketch—the first sketch made—of the historic Charter Oak, so frequently seen and so universally admired.

Mr. Clark was a many-sided man, yet all the traits of his character blended into one harmonious whole. His love for nature, in all her works and aspects, was profound and undying, and his knowledge relative thereto deep and scientific. The flora of New England formed for him an open book, while he was scarcely less versed in natural history, and was justly famed for his knowledge of ornithology. Indeed, so well established was his reputation as a naturalist, that his friendship was sought and cultivated by many men whose names are familiar in the world of science. Yet, like other men whose learning is truly profound, he was unassuming in tone and simple in diction. Friends who had no scientific knowledge—even children—loved to stroll with him through field and wood, along the banks of streams, and in the orchard and garden. Nothing escaped his observing eye, ever watchful for new discoveries in either the animate or the inanimate world.

Scarcely less intense than his love for nature was Mr. Clark's fondness for literature. He was a deep and earnest, although a discriminating, reader; while his singularly retentive memory made his mind a veritable treasure-house of historical facts, as well

as of the gems of standard poetry and fiction. It is therefore no wonder that he possessed rare powers as a conversationalist, which, with his other endowments of mind and heart, made his society eagerly sought. One of his distinguishing characteristics was his love for young men, and notably college students. While his own early educational advantages, other than those which he made for himself, had been confined to a course in the common schools of his native city, his shop and office formed a gathering place and rendezvous for many undergraduates of Yale and other universities where literature was discussed, courses of reading arranged, and plans of life debated and formed. In such conferences the keen intellect, ripened judgment and genial nature of Mr. Clark made him easily the central figure; and his wise counsels, joined to a truly paternal interest, made of many of these young men his lifelong friends. He was also the guiding spirit of the Derby Club, and for many years its president. This was in its day the chief literary society of Hartford, and Mr. Clark was justly one of its most esteemed and influential members. One of his contemporaries in the association thus writes of him: "He is one whom anyone who values true friendship is proud to reckon as a friend. His tastes and sympathies are universal. Is one in distress? None is more quick to offer sympathy and aid. Nor when the merry joke and light laugh pass through the coterie, is any one more ready to lead the merriment or quicker at repartee. None has a keener poetic instinct, or a more fervant love or keener appreciation of art than he. His influence in our midst is always potent in favor of that high standard of morality which is at once the outcome and the earthly glory of Christianity. He not infrequently plays the part of a wise and gentle mentor, and an ill-timed or irreverent jest is sure to draw forth his reprobation. His is the animating spirit of the club, and he it is who wields its incongruous parts into a compact, smoothly working entirety. Without entering into disputations, he averts incipient quarrels; and his personal influence—gentle yet firm—is ever at work on both our collective existence and our individual lives."

Mr. Clark was an earnest and sincere Christian, in both profession and life. For half a century he was a member of the South Congregational Church of Hartford. To him its worship was precious, and the advancement of its work a matter of deep concern. The earnestness and depth of his convictions, no less than the blamelessness of his life, always endeared him to its large membership, composite as it was in character. To quote the quaint, yet peculiarly expressive words of his pastor (between whom and himself there subsisted deep-seated confidence and esteem), "he made little noise, but shed considerable light." He was one of the "old-fashioned" believers, to whom the actual inspiration of the Bible was an actual and indisputable verity. Prayerful he was, alike for his own sanctification of heart and for the advancement of the Master's kingdom throughout the world, his highest conception of happiness being absolute fidelity to truth.

In the relations of domestic life Mr. Clark was always kind, affectionate and scrupulously faithful. His temperament was sunny and his disposition singularly unselfish. Always generouly anticipating the wants of others, he never failed to regard their mistakes, follies, or even faults with that tender charity which was inculcated by Him who forgave even the erring woman and pardoned the thief upon the cross. A model husband and a loving father, he left behind him a devoted wife and dutiful son, whose grief at his loss was assuaged by the recollection of the words of St. John the Divine: "Write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord yea saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

PATRICK RYAN, a molder by trade, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Southington, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, about 1830, son of Patrick and Johanna (Maher) Ryan. He was reared upon a farm in his native land, and received a common-school education.

In 1849 Mr. Ryan emigrated to America, and for six months was employed on a farm in Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass. In 1850 he moved to Litchfield, Conn., where he followed farming four years, and later made his home in Naugatuck for a short time, in 1854 taking up his residence in Southington, where he has since lived, and has followed the occupation of a molder.

Mr. Ryan has been twice married. By his first wife, Catherine McMara, of Southington, he had four children, all now deceased. For his second wife he married Bridget Wrinn, of Southington, and of the seven children born to them only two survive, Mary and James.

During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Ryan manifested his love for his adopted country by enlisting in Company C, 7th N. Y. V. I., and he participated in the battles of Hatcher's Run and Petersburg. After one year's service he was honorably discharged, and returned home. He is now a member of Trumbull Post, G. A. R., of Southington. Mr. Ryan belongs to the Catholic Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOSEPH L. BESSE, than whom, as a public caterer of the first class, ice-cream and confectionery manufacturer, none has a higher reputation in the State of Connecticut, is a native of Switzerland, born May 18, 1854, in Lucerne, close by the beautiful lake of that name.

James Besse, his father, a farmer by occupation, was born in Germany, moved to Switzerland, for a time locating at Lucerne, and finally came to this country, where in Boston, Mass., he passed the rest of his days, dying at the age of seventy-six years. By his wife, Louise (Molyer), an Italian lady, he

had fourteen children: Peter, in business in Boston; Sarah, living in Switzerland; Joseph L., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, wife of Mr. Mano, in Boston. The mother of these passed away in 1868, a member of the French Catholic Church, as was also the father.

Joseph L. Besse received his education mainly in Germany, whither, at the age of seven years, he had gone to live with an uncle, and there he made his home until 1872, in which year he came to the United States. Landing at New York, he resided there eleven years, part of the time (eight years) serving in hotels, etc., in the capacity of cook, and also learning the ice-cream business under Maresi, the leading manufacturer in that line in the United States. For two years he was foreman in Margadant's establishment in that city, and at the end of that time, in 1883, came to Hartford and opened, in a small way, the confectionery, etc. store which he has since conducted, and where he rapidly built up an excellent trade, in less than two months having a couple of wagons constantly in service. For five years he was associated in Hartford with his brother Peter, who then went to Boston and opened up a similar establishment on Tremont street, the partnership continuing there until 1895, when it was dissolved, the firm name, "P. & J. Besse," however, remaining the same. In 1892 our subject had an addition put to his Hartford store, No. 701 Main street, which has now a frontage of 25 feet, and in addition to his large ice-cream and confectionery trade he does an extensive first-class catering business, keeping six horses and vehicles and a steady force of seventeen hands. He has the capacity to cater to the largest parties, and has acommodated as many as 2,700 people in a single day. On January 4, 1894, he had the catering for the Governor's ball, and for the invited guests and troops who took part in the exercises. For three years, from 1894 to 1897, he also conducted a restaurant in Hartford.

In 1882 Mr. Besse was married to Jennie Dallas, who was born in France, and five children have been born to this union: James P., Mary E., Eleanor G., O. A., and Louis A. In politics Mr. Besse is a Republican, and is popular in his party, but has declined nomination for office. Socially he is a member of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, the Yacht Club, and Colt's Revolver Club, and is one of the most popular, genial citizens in Hartford.

THOMAS FRANCIS KANE, a popular motorman on the Meriden, Southington & Compounce Electric railway, was born in Queen street, Southington, in December, 1853. His parents, Walter and Esther (Coughlan) Kane, natives of Queen's and King's counties, Ireland, respectively, came to America prior to 1850, and soon afterward located in Southington, where the father had charge of a section of the Northampton & New Haven canal. He also acted as watchman for the Peck, Smith Co. for a time. He had two children: Patrick (who died in 1890) and Thomas F.

Thomas F. Kane grew to manhood in Southington, and was educated in the public schools of the town. He began his business career as an employe of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., being connected with the varnishing department for twelve years. For the following five years he was engaged in the liquor business in Southington, and since 1898 has held his present position with the Meriden, Southington & Compounce railway.

On June 28, 1888, Mr. Kane married Miss Maggie, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Callahan), Callahan, of Tipperary, Ireland, and to this union four children were born: Esther Mary; Walter Thomas, deceased; Helen Augusta; and Margaret. The parents are devout members of St. Thomas Catholic Church of Southington, and Mr. Kane is also a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America; he is a stanch Democrat in politics. Our subject is a genial, courteous gentleman, highly respected by all who know him.

EDWARD I. BRADSHAW, in the employ of the E. Ingraham Co., clock manufacturers, Bristol, Hartford county, Connecticut.

MERRICK LAMPHEAR, superintendent of the Enfield Almshouse, was born in Monson, Mass., Nov. 13, 1845, a son of Gaylord W. and Catherine (Harvey) Lamphear, both natives of Monson. He was reared to manhood in Monson, educated in the public schools, and began life on a farm, following that vocation until the breaking out of the Civil war.

On Sept. 19, 1862, though not yet seventeen years of age, Mr. Lamphear enlisted in Company G, 46th Mass. V. I., and served nine months, when he was honorably discharged. He at once re-enlisted, June 2, 1863, in Company A, 2d Massachusetts Artillery, and served to the close of the war, being honorably discharged Sept. 3, 1865. After the war Mr. Lamphear was engaged in various occupations until 1887, when he was appointed superintendent of the Enfield Almshouse, a position he has held, with credit to himself and to the town, up to the present time.

Mr. Lamphear has been twice married. His first wife, Nellie, daughter of Chauncey and Abigail Davis, of Enfield, bore him two children, Mabel and Harry. For his second wife he married Maggie, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (McAdams) Henry, of Enfield. Mr. Lamphear is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen; politically he is a Republican.

OLIVER T. MATHER, son of Timothy Mather, and a younger brother of Walter S. Mather, is one of Hartford county's most progressive and successful farmers.

Mr. Mather was born April 3, 1856, and received his early education in what is known as the North East school, which he attended during the winter months, rather irregularly, until he reached the age of fifteen. His disposition, however, was too active for him not to chafe at what he considered the irk-

some restraint of the school room, and, while he has always been fond of reading, the higher branches of learning have failed to interest him. His father had promised to each son who should remain upon the farm until he attained his majority the sum of $1,000, and young Oliver worked upon the paternal acres until he reached the age of twenty-one, receiving as wages during the last year the sum of $25 per month. In the autumn of 1878 he went to Litchfield county, where, in company with Robert Farrand, he engaged in buying cattle during the winter months, continuing that business through two or three seasons. In the spring of 1879 he rented a farm from his father and started in the milk business, three years later disposing of his trade in this line. During the succeeding nine months he traveled extensively in the West, visiting Colorado and California, and for a time successfully engaging in business in Denver. In the spring of 1883 he began farming on the property originally leased from his father, and which is now his through inheritance. From that day to the present time he has led the independent life of an agriculturist. To his original holdings he added a farm in Deerfield, which, however, he subsequently sold. His specialties have been dairy farming and tobacco culture, and in both he has been eminently successful, owing to his excellent judgment and practical knowledge. His methods are both systematic and thorough, and his industry untiring. His live stock includes forty cows and six horses.

Mr. Mather is a man of warm heart and unselfish impulses, highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances, and warmly beloved by his friends. His religious belief is that of the Christian Scientists, and he is a member of the First Church of that creed in the city of Hartford. While he is a Democrat politically, the yoke of partisanship rests but lightly upon his shoulders, and he not infrequently places character before party allegiance.

In 1884 Mr. Mather married Lizzie, daughter of Edward Denslow, of Hartford, also a farmer. Their union has been blessed with one son, Osmond Monroe, born Oct. 28, 1896.

M. J. BLACK, D. V. S., a leading veterinary surgeon of Hartford, and the proprietor of a large livery stable in that city, was born July 28, 1839, in Derby, Vt., of a well-known New England family.

Timothy Black, his father, was born in Putney, Vt., and followed agriculture in Coventry, that State, for many years, dying there in 1857, at the age of fifty-six. He married Almira Baldwin, who attained the age of seventy-four years. Both parents were devout Baptists, and were much esteemed.

M. J. Black remained at the home farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when he engaged in a dry-goods business in Newport, Vt. After five years he sold out and went to Baltimore, engaging in the real-estate business. Later he spent three years in Harrisburg, where he started an omnibus line, and on returning to Newport he purchased a livery stable and commenced to study for the degree of veterinary surgeon. His course was completed in Montreal, and in 1881 he located on State street, Hartford, remaining there eight years. His practice is now extensive, and he maintains a hospital, keeping an assistant. Our subject was in business at No. 171 Main street for five years before locating at his present stand, No. 560 Main street, in 1893. He has a general livery business, keeping about forty horses, besides numerous boarders. His love of fine horseflesh has led to his keeping a number of race horses, some of them noted, and several trotters have been raised by him.

In 1860 Dr. Black married Miss Lucy H. Bisbee, a native of Derby, and daughter of David Bisbee, a farmer, who died at the age of fifty-six; his wife at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Black is one of a family of eight children, six of whom are living. Our subject has one son, Elmer E., born in Coventry, Vt., and now a farmer in Avon. Elmer E. Black married Miss Lizzie Putney, also a native of Coventry, and they have had five children, of whom three are living: Clarence, Louis and Harold.

Dr. Black is one of the well-known citizens of Hartford, and but two or three men are now in business who were there when he began. Politically he is a Republican, but he does not seek public office. He is active in social and other interests, however, and has been an officer in the Driving Club since its organization, having been president two years, and now holding the vice-presidency. He belongs to Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of Newport; to Memphragog Lodge, No. 65, of which he has been a member since 1865; and to the Royal Arcanum, of Hartford. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, Dr. and Mrs. Black having united with the church before leaving Newport.

GEORGE THOMAS ARTHUR, proprietor of Oak Grove farm, in Berlin, is one of the most skillful and reliable young agriculturists of the town, and in his labors is meeting with most gratifying success. He was born in Christian Lane, Berlin, Jan. 8, 1872, and throughout his active business life has been identified with the farming interests of the town.

Mr. Arthur's father, George Arthur, was born in Herefordshire, England, Nov. 29, 1829, and came to the United States July 1, 1852. He first located in New Haven, but shortly afterward came to Berlin, and has since followed the occupation of farming. He married Miss Barbara Alter, who was born in Berlin, Conn., of German parentage, and died in 1861, and to this union came two children: (1) Mary Ann, born Nov. 28, 1857, is now the widow of William A. Woods, a wood turner, of New Britain. (2) Julia Elizabeth, born Jan. 10, 1859, is the wife of Henry Stephen Norton, a joiner of Kensington, Conn., and they have had four children—Annie Barbara, born June 19, 1884 (died July 26, 1890); Frances Irene, Nov. 22, 1891; Olive May, Aug. 22, 1893; and Ruth Mabel, Jan. 26, 1896. By his second wife, Susan, George Arthur had four children:

Fannie Rebecca, born Aug. 7, 1864, and Sarah Jane, born May 4, 1870, are both at home; George T., our subject, is next in the order of birth; and Alice Caroline, born Jan. 25, 1873, is the wife of William Case, a plumber of New Britain.

George T. Arthur was reared upon the home farm, and early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, while his literary education was obtained by attending the Berlin schools through the winter season, when his services were not needed at home. After leaving school he devoted his entire time and attention to farming. In March, 1879, the father removed to Rocky Hill, this county, where he still conducts a farm. In October, 1894, our subject purchased the Samuel F. Talmadge property, in Beckley, through William Bulkeley and James Roach, as administrators, and now has a fine farm of sixty-five acres, besides 125 acres in Rocky Hill. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and his fields are made to yield a good tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He has erected upon his place a fine large barn, and made many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance, and now has one of the best farms in the Beckley Quarter, raising potatoes, corn, rye, etc.; to some extent he is also interested in dairying, selling butter at wholesale and retail.

Politically Mr. Arthur is a Republican, but at local elections generally votes independent of party lines, endeavoring to support the men best qualified for the office. He has always refused political honors, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests. He attends the Congregational Church, of which his parents and sister, Fannie R., are members. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

LEON S. RISLEY, a well-known pharmacist of Hartford, was born July 31, 1866, in Manchester, Hartford Co., Conn., where his family has long been prominent.

William W. Risley, his father, was born in Tolland county, Conn., and prepared for mercantile life as a clerk in Hartford, the store in which he was engaged being on the site of the present Cheney building. For thirty years he was successfully engaged in business at Manchester as a clothing merchant, but eighteen years ago he retired from active work. As a citizen he is much respected, and his influence has been especially turned toward the advancement of educational interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity in Manchester. Mr. Risley married Frances A. Case, also a native of Tolland county, and they had two children: Arthur W. (deceased) and Leon S.

Our subject's education was begun in the schools of Manchester, and he entered upon his business career as a clerk for W. H. Cheney & Co., in Manchester, with whom he remained two years. He then spent two and a half years with Mr. Lowry, a druggist in East Hartford, and for two years attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. On leaving college he clerked four years for A. Marwick, Jr., a druggist in Hartford, and in June, 1893, he established his present store at No. 385 Capitol avenue. He is a member of the City and State Pharmaceutical Associations, and enjoys a high standing among his professional brethren. Mr. Risley was married in Hartford to Miss Jennie G. Hunt, a native of Massachusetts.

JOHN EDWARD WHALEN, the present efficient manager of the Spring Brook Ice Co's. farm and other property at Wethersfield, was born in that town, near the Rocky Hill line, Nov. 1, 1863, and is a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Delaney) Whalen, both natives of Ireland. The father is now a well-to-do farmer of Rocky Hill, is a stanch Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

During his boyhood and youth John E. Whalen attended the public schools of Wethersfield and the South Hartford schools. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age, after which he spent several seasons in traveling, in the interest of the Johnson & Robbins Seed Co., through Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts. He also worked at farming during the summer months, upon a rented farm in Rocky Hill, and later bought a farm in that town, which he operated for a few years, and which he still owns. In 1890 he accepted the position of manager of the large tract of land belonging to the Spring Brook Ice Co., and he has since been with the firm in that capacity, an honored and trusted employe, one who thoroughly understands his business, is industrious, painstaking and faithful, and discharges his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

In Rocky Hill Mr. Whalen was married, in 1889, to Miss Susan McNamara, a native of that place, and a daughter of Dennis McNamara, one of its well-to-do farmers. They have two children: John J. and Martin Edward. The Democratic party finds in Mr. Whalen a stanch supporter of its principles, and he has been appointed justice of the peace in Wethersfield. Fraternally he belongs to Wethersfield Grange, and to the Knights of Columbus, at Cromwell, and religiously he is a member of the Catholic Church. In business and social circles he stands high, and is much respected by all who know him.

HEZEKIAH BUTLER, an energetic and successful farmer and representative citizen of Wethersfield, is a native of that town, born in Jordan Lane, April 4, 1833, and belongs to one of its oldest and best families.

Ensign Samuel Butler, the first of the name to locate in Wethersfield, was deacon of the church at that place. He was somewhat of a prophet, and foretold his own death, saying that it would take place the last day of the week, the last day of the

month, and the last day of the year. This proved true, and he died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1692. His wife, Elizabeth, departed this life Oct. 12, 1681, and both were laid to rest in the Wethersfield cemetery.

(II) James Butler, son of Ensign Samuel, was born in Wethersfield, where he spent his entire life, dying there Nov. 7, 1705. He was married May 6, 1703, to Hannah Edwards, daughter of Joseph Edwards, and she died Jan. 10, 1742. The remains of both were interred in the Wethersfield cemetery. Their children were Hannah, born Sept. 26, 1705; Hezekiah, mentioned below; James, born Feb. 4, 1712; and William, born Feb. 8, 1715.

(III) Hezekiah Butler was born April 29, 1708, in the town of Wethersfield, where he spent his entire life as a farmer, and where he died Dec. 17, 1786. On Jan. 19, 1732, he married Rebecca Standish, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Hume) Standish. She died March 22, 1776, and both were buried in Wethersfield cemetery. In their family were seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Lois, Nov. 9, 1732; Rebecca, May 21, 1735; James, Dec. 9, 1736; Hezekiah, April 6, 1740; Lois (2), Nov. 3, 1742; Josiah, July 8, 1745; and John, April 24, 1753.

(IV) John Butler, the last named was a lifelong resident of Wethersfield, and devoted his entire life and attention to agricultural pursuits. On Feb. 9, 1777, he married Love Smith, of Wethersfield, and they became the parents of seven children: Sarah, born April 22, 1778; Betsey, Oct. 8, 1780; Hope, Feb. 22, 1783; Polly, June 19, 1785; Clarissa, Jan. 8, 1788; Hezekiah, Jan. 19, 1790; and Emily, March 30, 1793.

(V) Hezekiah Butler, son of John, and father of our subject, never left the old homestead in Wethersfield, and throughout his life made many improvements upon the farm, including the erection of a fine residence in 1837. He engaged in general farming with marked success, and was also interested in seed growing. His political support was given first to the Whig and later to the Republican party, and in his religious views he was liberal. He died upon his farm in August, 1863, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Welles, and was a native of Wethersfield, also died on the old homestead, at the age of seventy-seven years, and was laid to rest by his side in the Wethersfield cemetery. She was a consistent Christian woman, a member of the Congregational Church. They had eight children: Harriet, deceased wife of George Mix; Sarah, deceased wife of Isaac Mix; John, who died on the old homestead in 1898 (he served in the Civil war); Hezekiah, our subject; Love Smith, wife of Horace Booth, of New Britain; Lucy, widow of Levi Coleman; Levi, who was killed by the cars at a crossing between Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, and Martha, Mrs. Adams, who lives in South Wethersfield.

(VI) Hezekiah Butler, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared on the home farm, and attended the district schools of Wethersfield, and also a private school taught by Miss Standish and Miss Buck. When only fifteen years of age he took charge of the farm, as his father was in ill health, and after the latter's death had complete control of the place. Here he has ever since engaged extensively in seed growing, tobacco culture, dairy and general farming, and is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of the town. He has been eminently successful in his chosen occupation, and is a large land owner.

In 1886 Mr. Butler was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth (Allyn) Butler, widow of his brother Levi. They have an adopted daughter, Cora. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are members of the Grange, and it is safe to say that no couple in the community is held in higher esteem, or has more friends. She is a member of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Butler is rather liberal in his religious views. He served twelve years in the Governor's Horse Guards, rising from private to the rank of lieutenant, and he is a member of the G. A. R. In his political affiliations Mr. Butler is a Republican, and he has most creditably and acceptably served as selectman of Wethersfield, member of the board of relief, grand juror and justice of the peace. He is progressive and public-spirited and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

ANSON Q. PERKINS, one of the most popular and prosperous of the butchers and meat dealers of Bristol, was born in Litchfield, Conn., Oct. 27, 1851, and is the third of the seven children born to Charles Lewis and Lucy A. (Merriman) Perkins, natives of the same city.

Charles Lewis Perkins was one of the four children born to Peter and Sallie Perkins, who lived in Morris, Litchfield county, Conn. He was reared a blacksmith, and lived in Litchfield, where he was prominent as a Democratic politician, as a public official, and as a captain in the State militia. He was also well advanced in Freemasonry. The seven children alluded to above were born in the following order: Amelia E., who is married to J. Warren Johnson, a lawyer of Enfield; Edson, a carpenter of Litchfield; Anson Q.; Franklin Pierce, of Port Chester, N. Y.; Lester and Willie, both in New York City, and Marion, under the parental roof at Litchfield.

Anson Q. Perkins, after leaving the common schools of Litchfield at the age of fourteen years, worked a year in the butcher shop of Cook & Farnam, and then for five or six years worked for John A. Merriman, at Unionville, whence he came, about 1880 to Bristol, and for four years worked for Elton, and then for seven years for M. L. Gaylord, these long tenured positions giving good evidence of his capacity. About this time Mr. Perkins was elected first selectman on the Democratic ticket for three years, although he was then a member of the board of burgesses, to which he had been elected for two years. After the expiration of his term as selectman,

he engaged in the butcher business on his own account on North Main street, in which he has met with a most flattering success. As a Democrat, he has always been very active in party work, and as a member of the town committee, an office he has held for several years, he has been energetic, influential and faithful, and has done much toward maintaining the supremacy of his party.

Mr. Perkins is an ex-worshipful Master of Franklin lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., and has filled all the intervening chairs, and he is also a member of Bristol Grange, No. 116, P. of H. He married Miss Mary C. A. Jenkins, a daughter of William Jenkins, of Uniontown, and by her has been blessed with two children: Lucy Abigail, who was born July 4, 1885, and is now in the Bristol high school; and Charles Lewis, born Jan. 1, 1887, attending the district school. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are sincere worshipers at the Episcopal Church, in which he has for several years been a vertryman, and socially are greatly respected by a large circle of friends, as well as by the general public.

FRANCIS H. ROBBINS, a well-known market gardener, and assessor of the town of Wethersfield, was born there Oct. 31, 1843, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families. His grandfather, Elisha Robbins, was born in Wethersfield, and was a son of Joshua Robbins. On reaching manhood he married Sarah Goodrich, a daughter of Nathaniel Goodrich, and to them were born the following children: Sarah, wife of H. Pittice; Royal, a minister of the Congregational Church, who (first) married Martha Wright, and (second) Elizabeth Russell; Elisha; Chauncey; Henry, father of our subject; Martha, wife of Allen Talcott; Julia, wife of Noble Montague; and four who died in infancy.

Henry Robbins, our subject's father, was born and reared on the old homestead in Wethersfield, and made farming his life occupation. He was a man noted for his temperate and industrious habits, his honesty and fair dealing. He was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, a Republican in politics, and was elected to a number of local offices of honor and trust. He died at his home on High street, Wetherfield, April 24, 1864, and his wife, who was a faithful member of the same church, died Dec. 20, 1886, the remains of both being interred in the Wethersfield cemetery. She bore the maiden name of Celia Talcott, was a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of William and Amelia (Hanmer) Talcott. Their children were Celia and Augustus, who both died young; Sarah Isabella; and Francis H.

Our subject was educated in the district schools and the Wethersfield Academy, and after leaving school remained with his parents, engaged in farming upon the old homestead. Here he owns fifty acres of land, upon which he has made many improvements, and is successfully engaged in general farming, dairying, and the raising of tobacco and seeds. He is also engaged in the flour and feed business in Wethersfield, and displays excellent executive ability and sound judgment in the management of his affairs.

In 1872 Mr. Robbins was married, in Wethersfield, to Miss Delphine M. Smith, and they have one daughter, Bertha T., who first attended the schools of Wethersfield, and subsequently graduated from the Hartford Public High School and the New Britain Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are both members of the Congregational Church, and also belong to the Grange. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his community; has been a member of the board of relief, and in 1895 was elected to the State Legislature, in which august body he served as a member of the Press committee. Since 1884 he has been assessor of Wethersfield, and in the faithful discharge of his official duties has won the commendation of all concerned. As a citizen he is enterprising and progressive, and gives his support to every measure which he believes will prove of public benefit.

Mrs. Robbins also belongs to an old and honored family of Wethersfield, of which place her great-grandfather, Jonathan Smith, and her grandfather, George Smith, were natives. Here the latter owned land, and spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and was called upon to serve as selectman of Wethersfield. He married Sarah Blinn, daughter of Samuel Blinn, and they had two children, George, Jr., and Maria, wife of Milo A. Salts.

George Smith, Jr., was born in Wethersfield Dec. 27, 1811, and was educated in its district schools and academy. For fifteen years he successfully engaged in teaching school in Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, and later followed farming and engaged in the seed business. He was also a stockholder and director of the Comstock Ferre Co. He is still well preserved for one of his age, and retains his mental faculties unimpaired. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically is identified with the Democratic party. On Nov. 25, 1835, he married Miss Lucy R. Griswold, also a native of Wethersfield, and a daughter of James Griswold. To them were born five children: Edgar R.; Albert G.; Maria Delphine, wife of our subject; Harriet, deceased wife of Alfred Francis, of Wethersfield; and George Francis, a resident of Hartford. The mother of these children, who was a faithful member of the Congregational Church, died April 16, 1882, and was buried in the Wethersfield cemetery. The father was again married, in New York, March 29, 1888, his second union being with Miss Cecelia A. Talcott, daughter of William Talcott, of Wethersfield.

JOHN CALVIN NORTON, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Plainville, who is at present engaged in farming, was born in Boston, Mass., March 19, 1825, a son of William and Har-

riet (Amidon) Norton. The father was a native of Newburyport, Mass., and was a son of Joshua Norton who was of English descent, and a sailmaker of Boston, the business he established there being still carried on by members of the Norton family. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Joseph Amidon, of Pomfret, Conn., who served in the Revolution, taking part in the battle of Plattsburg.

William Norton was a silversmith by trade, and in that capacity mounted the swords of Commodores Hull and Brainbridge, during the war of 1812. He also participated in that war, serving as a private. About 1831 he removed to South Glastonbury, Hartford Co., Conn., where he was employed as a machinist until his death, in 1848. Of his twelve children, nine reached years of maturity: William, Noah, Stephen, John C., Richard, Gilbert, Angeline (wife of William Quinion), Harriet (wife of Eli Howe), and Ada B. (wife of Charles Cook).

The subject of this review was six years of age when brought by his parents to this county, and he is indebted to its common schools for his educational privileges. He served a three-years' apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade in South Glastonbury, and then worked at the same in Plainville, where he located in 1847. In 1857 he removed to Rockville, Conn., where he opened a cabinet shop and engaged in business for himself for six months, but the same year he returned to Plainville, and for sixteen years was employed as a painter of clock dials. He then worked in clock factories in Thomaston, Bristol and other places until 1894, since which time he has followed farming in Plainville.

Mr. Norton has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Harriet Hotchkiss, a daughter of Carlos and Phila (Clark) Hotchkiss, of Burlington, Hartford county. By that union he had two sons: Charles H., superintendent of one of the departments of the Brown & Sharp machine shop, at Providence, R. I.; and Wendell P., a machinist and superintendent of the Hendey Machine Co., Torrington, Conn., and also the inventor of the celebrated Norton lathe manufactured by them. Mrs. Norton's grandfather, Samuel Hotchkiss, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. For his second wife Mr. Norton married Miss Harriet Ryder, a daughter of Chester and Esther (Merrill) Ryder, of New Hartford, Conn., and a granddaughter of Sylvester Ryder and Eli Merrill, both prominent farmers of New Hartford. Religiously Mr. Norton is a faithful member of the Congregational Church, and politically he is an earnest advocate and stanch supporter of prohibition.

JOHN D. DALY, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of East Windsor, is one of the self-made men whose careers afford encouragement to every poor but ambitious boy, and his history is deserving of a prominent place in this volume.

Mr. Daly was born Nov. 18, 1832, in County Cork, Ireland. His father was a farmer in Ireland, and in 1854 he came to the United States with his family, the voyage lasting five weeks and three days. Soon after landing in New York City, he came to South Windsor, where he made his permanent home. Of the four children, Patrick died Feb. 25, 1882; John D., our subject, was second in the order of birth, and is now the only survivor; William died June 11, 1881, and Lawrence on Nov. 27, 1874.

As our subject was of age when he settled in South Windsor he at once sought and found employment, and for seven years he worked by the month as a farm hand. He then rented his present homestead and began raising tobacco, meeting with such good results that he purchased the place after a few years. It comprises thirty-four acres of land, and is located two and a half miles north of Warehouse Point, and the substantial improvements made by Mr. Daly show his progressive ideas as well as his industry and thrift. In addition to general crops he plants from five to nine acres in tobacco every year, and is also interested in the dairy business. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic. On Dec. 6, 1862, he married Miss Ellen Callahan, who died in March, 1898, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. Five children blessed their union: Patrick, a ranchman in Wyoming; John, a resident of New York; and William, Lawrence and Mary E., who are at home.

JAMES M. CURTIN, dealer in groceries, meats, liquors, Nos. 331-335 Park street, New Britain, Hartford county, Connecticut.

FRANK A. PFENNIG, for several years foreman of finishing in the movement department at the E. Ingraham Clock factory in Bristol, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 8, 1865, and is a son of August F. and Christina (Beiber) Pfennig, of German descent.

August F. Pfennig was a cigar maker by trade, and worked for his own father, a wholesale cigar and tobacco dealer in Buffalo, N. Y. To his marriage with Christina Beiber were born three children: Frank A.; George, who died when quite small; and John, born May 28, 1873, now a cigar maker. August F. died in Buffalo, and his widow, who has since remarried, is now a resident of White Rock, Michigan.

Frank A. Pfennig, father of August F., was a wholesale and retail dealer in cigars and tobacco in Buffalo, and died there in 1899, and there his widow yet resides. They had four children: August F., Matilda, Minnie and Frank L.

Frank A. Pfennig, our subject, was partly educated in Buffalo, N. Y., and partly in White Rock, Mich. He was able to quit school at the age of fourteen years, having been very apt in his studies, and was at once given a situation in the jewelry

store of Otto Homack, in Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained four years. He then came to Connecticut, and was employed for two years by Rayan & Barrows, jewelers at Middletown, and then for three years, in the same line, by Lee Roberts. The following year he was employed in the movement department of the Ingraham clock factory, and was so efficient that in 1891 he was made foreman of the finishing department of this branch of the industry, with from twenty to twenty-five men, and ten to fifteen girls, under his charge.

Mr. Pfennig married, Sept. 11, 1888, Miss Anna M. Merchant, who was born in Bristol May 11, 1869, and the only child of Harvey J. and Ellen C. (Hunt) Merchant, formerly of Glastonbury. To this marriage were born: Hazel Anna, August 2, 1889, died July 15, 1890; and Clair Merchant, Oct. 25, 1891. Harvey J. Merchant, father of Mrs. Pfennig, was a native of Bristol, but removed to New York City. He was first lieutenant of Co. C, 90th N. Y. V. I., during the Civil war, with the rank of acting-adjutant. On his return he was offered the postmastership of New York City, but declined the offer, preferring to return to Bristol, Conn., and there for over twenty-five years was foreman of the movement finishing department of the E. Ingraham Company, a position later held by the subject of this sketch. Both Mr. and Mrs. Merchant are members of the Congregational Church.

Frank A. Pfennig is a Republican in political sentiment, but takes very little active interest in public affairs. He is a member of Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter members and was secretary three terms; is a member of Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., and Hull Division Uniform rank, No. 5, K. of P., and of the E. L. Dunbar encampment, also of Hira Temple, No. 90, Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan. Mrs. Pfennig is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, of Bristol. Socially the family move in the best circles of the town.

GEORGE LUCE CLARK, a miller and lumber manufacturer of Suffield, Hartford county, was born in Tolland, Tolland Co., Conn., May 30, 1855.

Lucius Clark, his grandfather, was a native of New York, was a carpenter by trade, and after his marriage to Catherine Powell came to Connecticut and located in Coventry, Tolland county, where he engaged in contracting and building, and also in the lumber business. There he passed the better part of his days, but in the evening of life retired to New Britain, where he died in the faith of the Congregational Church, a highly respected citizen. He was a Whig in politics. To his marriage were born fourteen children. His worthy wife also passed her declining days in New Britain, and the remains of both now lie at rest, side by side, in the cemetery of that town.

Albert Clark, father of our subject, was also born in New York City, and moved to Coventry, Conn., with his parents. There he learned the trade of carpenter, and for some years carried on contracting and building, later engaging in the same line of business in Tolland, and still later in Amherst, Mass. In 1883 he settled in Suffield, Conn., and conducted a grist and saw mill for his father-in-law until his death, which occurred in June, 1896, when his remains were interred beside those of his wife, in the New Britain cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Republican. Albert Clark was married in Tolland, to Miss Mary Luce, a native of that town, and a daughter of Leverett and Mary Ann (Hunn) Luce, and to them were born four children: Mary, now the wife of Rev. W. E. Knox, of Waltham, Mass.; George Luce, our subject; Frank, who died when four years old; and Herbert, who died at the age of sixteen years. The mother of this family passed away at Suffield Dec. 23, 1893, sincerely mourned by her many acquaintances and the surviving members of her family.

George Luce Clark received his earlier education in the public schools of Tolland, and graduated from New Britain Seminary in 1872. He began his business life by working in paper-mills, later worked in the firearms factory at Norwich, Conn., and then, being a gifted musician, began traveling with some of the best minstrel troupes of the day, including the famous Barlow & Wilson and the Primrose & West organizations, and visiting every part of the United States. In 1883 he came to Suffield with his parents, and has been engaged here ever since in lumbering and milling, in his maternal grandfather's mill, which he aided his father in conducting until the latter's death, since when he has himself conducted it. For fifteen years he has been organist for the Congregational Church in Suffield; he is also a member of the Second Regiment Brass Band, of Springfield, Mass., and of the Springfield Orchestra. Mr. Clark is, moreover, a practical journalist and an able writer, has been local reporter for the *Hartford Times* for twelve years, and for the *Springfield Union* six years.

Mr. Clark was united in marriage, in Norwich, Conn., to Miss Amelia Pierce, a native of Amherst, Mass., and to this marriage has been born one child, Leverett M., who is master electrician of the linen mills at Willimantic, Conn., a position he had attained at the age of sixteen years.

Mr. Clark is a Republican in politics, but has never been an office seeker. He is a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and is greatly respected both within and without its pale. He is remarkably well read, and besides being a prolific writer stands second to none in the State of Connecticut as a musician. He has led a temperate and industrious life, and his extensive travels have broadened his views of mankind and enlarged his natural intelligence, and given him a more comprehensive knowledge of human motives and actions than he would have possessed had his life been con-

fined to the limits of his native State. His business name stands without a blemish, and his veracity has never yet been placed in doubt.

Leverett Luce, maternal grandfather of George Luce Clark, was born in Tolland, Conn., and was a lifelong miller. In 1850 he came to Suffield and bought the Wright mill, and for thirty-three years operated it for grist and lumber purposes. In 1883 he withdrew, and for fifteen years lived in retirement, dying at his home Dec. 21, 1898, and his remains were interred in the Suffield cemetery; he was attentively cared for by Mr. Clark in his declining years. To the marriage of Mr. Luce, in Toliand, with Miss Mary Ann Hunn, were born three children: Leverett H.; Mary, who was married to Albert Clark, and became the mother of our subject; and Edwin, now of Suffield.

MICHAEL HAGGERTY, a progressive citizen and highly respected young farmer of Bloomfield, was born in the city of Hartford, Conn., Nov. 10, 1857, and is a son of William and Catharine (Daily) Haggerty, being the eldest in a family of five children.

William Haggerty was born in County Cork, Ireland, but came to the United States when a young man. He married, in Hartford, Conn., and his union to Miss Catharine Daily was blessed with five children, viz.: Michael, the subject of this sketch; Ella, the wife of William A. Hern, of Hartford; William, a volunteer in the recent war with Spain; Katie, still in Hartford; and John, in Bloomfield. In his early laboring days Mr. Haggerty was a well-digger by calling, but after his marriage he came to Bloomfield in 1859, and worked as a stonemason, as well as at well-digging. In politics Mr. Haggerty was a Democrat, but never an office-seeker. He and wife both ended their days in Bloomfield, and both died in the faith of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.

Michael Haggerty was but two years of age when his parents settled in Bloomfield. He here attended the public schools in boyhood, faithfully assisted his father in his calling during his younger years, and for eight years worked for D. C. Newberry. For the past seven years he has been engaged in farming on his own account, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the township. He is a faithful member of the Catholic Church, and stands very high in the esteem of his neighbors.

FRANK C. CASE, a well-known farmer and dairyman of West Simsbury, was born at Troy, N. Y., March 10, 1859. Norris Case, his father, was born in West Simsbury, on what is known as the Case farm, Sept. 23, 1816, and was a son of Mamre Case.

Norris Case attended the district schools, and also Wilbraham Academy, at Wilbraham, Mass. When a young man he learned the trade of millwright, and for twelve years operated a mill in Simsbury, which he owned. He then removed to New York State, settling at Troy, where he engaged in the shoe business for several years, and later at Saratoga, N. Y., where he conducted a hotel and livery business until 1864. He was a great lover of blooded stock, and owned the well-known mare "Flora Temple," a trotter. In 1864, after meeting with reverses, Norris Case returned to West Simsbury, and there became engaged in general and dairy farming and tobacco growing, spending the balance of his life on a tract of 160 acres. He died Aug. 20, 1880, and is buried in the old Case burying-ground, Simsbury. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. He sang for many years in the choir of the Congregational Church. He first married Almeda Burned, of Massachusetts, who bore him three children: Arthur, who died at the age of three years; Frances, who died at the age of eighteen years; and John W., a shoe dealer of Boston. The mother died in Simsbury, and Norris Case married for his second wife, at Troy, N. Y., Mary Converse, a native of that city. The children born to Norris and Mary Case were: Henry, deceased; Susan, who died young; William N., of West Simsbury; and Frank C., our subject. The mother died June 9, 1893, at the home of our subject, and is buried in Simsbury. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Frank C. Case attended the common schools. He came to West Simsbury with his parents, and there engaged in farming with his father. After the latter's death he took charge of the farm, and has since managed the property. He is engaged in dairy, stock and general farming.

Mr. Case married at Simsbury, in 1882, Louisa Hiem, who was born in Hartford, daughter of Frank and Mary (Degenhardt) Hiem. Her father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was a cabinet maker of Hartford. The mother was born in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, and now makes her home with our subject. Six children were born to Frank C. and Louisa Case, as follows: Frances, who is a student at McLean's Seminary, Simsbury; Lena L., also at school; Sarah O.; Harvey H.; Charles V.; and Watson E. Mr. Case, our subject, lost his wife by death only a few days after his mother's death, June 20, 1893. She is buried in Simsbury cemetery. She was a good woman, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Case is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Capitol City Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Case is genial in disposition, and popular among a wide circle of friends.

JOHN J. HICKEY, an industrious, temperate and highly respected farmer and tobacco grower of the town of East Hartford, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, June 24, 1850, a son of Michael and Margaret (McCarty) Hickey, of whom mention is made in detail in the biography of P. P. Hickey, a younger brother of the subject of this sketch.

John J. Hickey had heard from his sister Hannah, who had already been in the United States, accounts so glowing of the opportunities offered here for the advancement in life of young men who were willing to work and to economize their earnings, which were much greater for less work than dreamed of in their native land, that he determined to make his future home in America. He had received a meager education, and at the age of nineteen years, having gathered together a little money, he sailed, with his sister Mary, in a Cunard steamer from Queenstown, landing in Boston, Mass., on Easter Sunday, 1869. From Boston he came direct to Hartford, where his cousin, Mary Duggan (now deceased), then lived. Having but one dollar cash in his pocket, he immediately hunted around for work, and found employment with Henry King, at South Windsor, at $20 per month. A short time afterward he returned to Hartford, whence he walked to Talcott Mountain, and there found work, and also considerable difficulty in collecting his wages, after having worked for his employer some time. He was next employed in Jewell's shop, receiving $9 per week for nearly a year. He was very economical of his earnings and faithful in his work, and was ten years in America without tasting either beer or whisky.

Mr. Hickey's first purchase of land was in South Windsor, and was a tract of three and one-half acres. On this he lived twenty-two years, and then bought a part of his present farm from Joel Hatch Guy, president of the National Bank at Meriden. To this he has added from time to time until he now owns forty acres, seventeen of which are planted in tobacco.

Mr. Hickey first married Eliza Reardon, of Broad Brook, and she bore him one child, Mary Ellen, who died at the age of seventeen years; she was an exceptionally bright young lady, and her death was a sad blow to her father, who sorrowfully laid her remains to rest in the Blue Hills cemetery. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hickey married Nellie Breen, and to this union have been born five children: John J., (deceased in infancy), Charles, one who died in infancy unnamed, Levi P., and John J.

In politics Mr. Hickey is a liberal Republican, and fraternally is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The family are all members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, to the support of which they are among the most liberal contributors. Mr. Hickey is a jovial and pleasant gentleman, has made his way unassisted through life, and is well entitled to the respect in which he is held by all his neighbors, without exception.

JOSEPH HECK, the well-known cigar manufacturer of Hartford, with residence in East Hartford Meadow, and one of the best musicians in Hartford county, was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1855, and is of German extraction. When nine years of age he began work in a tobacco factory, at stripping, and when twelve years old entered the United States service, at West Point, as a fifer and drummer, and served three years, becoming an expert in field music. His discharge papers, dated in 1870, read "very good," and were the last issued, at that time, in this branch of the service.

Joseph Heck, father of our subject, was born in Bavaria, and his naturalization papers are dated at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June, 1847. In New York State he married Maria (Shuler) Propson, a native of Germany, and the widow of a Mr. Propson, by whom she had two children: Mrs. Susan Hoffman, now of Suffield, Conn.; and John, who was a drummer in the volunteer infantry during the war of the Rebellion, was a cigar-maker by trade, and died in Poughkeepsie in May, 1898. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heck were born two children: Joseph, the subject of this sketch; and Mary, Mrs. Christian Collins, of Suffield, Conn. The death of the father, Joseph Heck, was caused by sickness contracted in the army while serving in the Civil war; the mother lived to be seventy-eight years of age, and died in Hartford.

After quitting West Point Joseph Heck, the subject of this memoir, went to Williamsburg, N. Y., and there worked in a tobacco factory. Later he was employed in other places until Christmas Day, 1874, when he arrived in Hartford, Conn., on a visit, and there became, naturally, acquainted with the musical fraternity, and decided to make the city his home. Under John Ehret, on State street, he took further instructions in his trade of cigar-making, and then completed it with Elser & Leschke. Mr. Elser was at that time leader of the Hartford City Band, and through him Mr. Heck was induced to become a member of that musical organization, but did not relinquish his trade. He worked for Krug, Parrish & Co., later for Charles Soby, and then became foreman for E. D. Williams, with whom he remained seven years, giving the utmost satisfaction. In September, 1887, he began business on his own account, which he has continued ever since in Hartford, with the exception of one year spent in East Hartford Meadow, where he owns a handsome dwelling and he makes his home.

Mr. Heck married, in Hartford, Miss Alice Ehren, a native of Massachusetts, and a daughter of Patrick Ehren, and to this union have been born three children, of whom Albert J. is a cigar-maker (he is a member of Ætna Hose Company, of East Hartford); Charles A., also a cigar-maker, is a member of Center Hose Company, No. 1, of the same village, and a member of the East Hartford Consolidated Band, and both brothers are also members of the Musical Union of Hartford, of the Cigar Makers' Union, of that city, and of Heck's Orchestra; Alice C., the third child, is at home.

Mr. Heck's band and orchestral experience has been quite extensive. He was first a member, as has been intimated, of the Hartford City Band, and when that went into dissolution joined Colt's Band as a drummer; he next joined Weed's Band,

and in its infancy played flute and piccolo under the leadership of Prof. Ferdinand Patz. This band later became Pope's Military Band, and our subjects fine piccolo solos in its open-air concerts did much toward building up its reputation. But Mr. Heck became tired of brass and reed bands, and withdrew, notwithstanding great remonstrance on the part of leaders and members, and it cost him a five-years' struggle to free himself. He then took up orchestral work, becoming a member of the Germania Orchestra, under Prof. Glasius, and also of Elser's Orchestra, which, in its day, was the best in the city. For eight years he was a member of Edwin Severus' well-known orchestra, in which he played second violin, but the greater part of the time played the bass viol—and the most singular part of the story of his becoming a bass viol player is the fact that he had had but a few hours' rehearsal on this instrument before he played in an orchestra at a ball. Mr. Heck was the instructor and leader of Steele's First Regiment Drum Corps, the crack drum corps of New England, which won many prizes for ability and discipline. At Springfield Mr. Heck was presented with a silver fife, as an emblem of the championship of New England, and at a drummers' and fifers' tournament at Rockville was presented with a gold-mounted fife. For several years he was fife-major and instructor in the band of the Putnam Phalanx. He was a manager of Stertzing & Heck's Orchestra, and is now the leader of his own—the Heck Orchestra.

In politics Mr. Heck is independent, and votes for the man he deems best fitted for the office to be filled. Fraternally he is a member of Nathan Hale Lodge, A. O. U. W.; Capitol Lodge, No. 6, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W.; and Samuel Colt Lodge, of Foresters, all of Hartford; also of Capitol City Colony, No. 158, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. He belongs to the Musical Union of Hartford, and the Cigar Makers' International Union of America, and in the work of all these he takes an active part. He is a charter member of the Ætna Hose Company, at East Hartford Meadow, and was on the general committee that managed its first fair, which netted $1,200. Mrs. Heck is a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, to the support of which she and her husband contribute freely. She is a lady of refinement, and extends a welcome to her numerous friends at their hospitable dwelling at the corner of Lester and Darlin streets, East Hartford Meadow, which was erected by Mr. Heck in 1896. Mr. Heck resided in Hartford from his first coming to Connecticut until his removal to East Hartford Meadow, in order to have a quiet and comfortable place of rest after performing his multifarious duties in the city of Hartford.

JAMES J. MORIARITY, the popular engineer on the Highland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, with residence in East Hartford, was born in Ireland in 1861, a son of Timothy and Catherine (Glaster) Moriarity, and came with his parents to America when three years old.

Timothy Moriarity was a machinist by trade, was an expert, and had charge of a machine shop in his native Ireland. He was a man of colossal proportions, being six feet two inches in height, and weighing 235 pounds avoirdupois, and possessed of herculean strength, which physical attributes have been inherited by his sons, of whom he had seven, as well as nine daughters, sixteen children in all, of whom James J. is the youngest. On coming to the United States, about 1864, he located in Springfield, Mass., and was for years employed there at his trade in the shops of the Boston & Albany Railroad Co. He died in Springfield at the age of about seventy-one years; his wife died at the age of sixty-five, and both were devoted members of the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Moriarity was a stanch Democrat, and never failed to cast his vote at each election, but never for a moment had a desire for public office, being satisfied with the honor bestowed upon him as a private citizen by a host of sincere friends.

James J. Moriarity attended school in Springfield, Mass., and manifested all the aptness and capability for learning possessed by any of his classmates until he left school, when he was nearly sixteen years of age. At this age, being an extraordinarily powerful lad, he began work as fireman on a yard engine in the Boston & Albany railroad yards, at Springfield, although all his brothers who had reached adult years had followed the example of their father and become machinists in railroad shops, James J. being the only engineer of the family. Mr. Moriarity remained in the employ of the company mentioned, and in the same capacity, until November, 1888, when he was given charge of an engine on what is now called the Highland Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and up to the present has had a night run between East Hartford and Waterbury, Conn. After his appointment to this position he moved from Springfield, Mass., to Hartford, Conn., and thence to East Hartford.

Mr. Moriarity married Miss Margaret Moran, a daughter of Timothy and Bridget (McMahon) Moran, of Springfield, Mass., and this union has been blessed with four children, all born, in the following order, in East Hartford: Mary M., Theresa, Margaret and Lauretta. In 1891 Mr. Moriarity erected his present handsome double house on Main street, East Hartford, and here he and his respected family have ever since resided, surrounded by warm-hearted friends and genial neighbors.

In politics Mr. Moriarity has always been a stanch Democrat, and makes manifest his loyalty to the party by his unfailing vote for its candidates. He is a sincere Catholic in religion, and he and his family do their duty in full at St. Mary's Church, to the support of which they contribute freely of their means; Mr. Moriarity is also a member of the B. L. F. He is a most excellent citizen, is very

popular among his fellow employees, has the full confidence of his employers, and is as timely built, steady-going and reliable a man as may be found "in a summer day's walk."

WILLIAM FEELY, one of the best known farmers of Bloomfield, Hartford county, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, April 22, 1833, and is a son of Matthew Feely, a merchant of County Leitrim and a son of William Feely. Matthew Feely married a Miss Hilley, and this union was blessed with six children, viz.: Bridget, deceased; William, our subject; Owen, in Ireland; Patrick, who died in 1899 in Hartford county, Conn.; Michael, in Scotland; and Sarah, still in Ireland.

William Feely left his native land in the spring of 1853, on the sailing-ship "Fingal" and after a somewhat tempestuous voyage of six weeks and three days, landed in the port of New York, whence, after a sojourn of one week, he came to Connecticut and worked nearly a year in Stamford; he next worked for a short time in Bedford, Westchester county, N. Y., and in the fall of 1854 came to West Hartford, Conn., and for fifteen years farmed in that town. In 1869 he settled in Bloomfield, bought the Riley farm, his present homestead, and later the Meacham farm, on which his son, John, now resides. Mr. Feely was naturalized in the town of West Hartford and was married in Hartford, in 1857, to Miss Catherine Hunley, who was called away, February 8, 1884, the mother of ten children, viz.: Maggie, of New Haven; John, of Bloomfield, married Louisa Case, daughter of Hezekiah Case, and is the father of one child—Catherine Marie; Matthew, a grocer on Front street, Hartford, married Mary Keough, and has had three children—Minnie, Catherine and Edward—the last named deceased; William, deceased; Thomas, of Bloomfield; Mary, of New Haven; Sarah, of Hartford; Joseph, also of Hartford; and Kate and Annie, of Bloomfield.

Since coming to Hartford county, Mr. Feely has employed himself in general farming and tobacco-growing, and is emphatically a self-made man, in the busines sense of the phrase. In politics he is a Democrat, and for many years has been a member of the board of relief, of which he has been the chairman since 1884. He is a devout member of the Catholic Church of Bloomfield and has ever been ready to assist it pecuniarily and otherwise, and has reared his children in the same faith. All the Feely family are upright and useful members of the various communities in which they live, and well deserve the high respect in which they are held.

ANSON H. PORTER. Among the more prominent and influential agriculturists of Farmington, Hartford county, none stand higher in the esteem of their fellow citizens than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a native of the county, born in East Hartford July 24, 1821, a son of Anson Porter, also a native of East Hartford, born in 1788, and a grandson of Stephen Porter. There the father was reared and educated, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming. He married Miss Sophronia House, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and whose mother was Esther Hooker, a descendant of John Hooker. Two sons were born of this union: Albert D., deceased; and Anson H., our subject.

In the schools of East Hartford Anson H. Porter acquired his education, and later he was engaged in carriage-making in Bloomfield, Conn., from 1841 to 1872, during which time he served as constable and assessor of that town. He removed to his present home in Farmington in 1872, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits with good results. He is one of the representative citizens of the town, honored and respected by all who know him.

In Bloomfield Mr. Porter married Miss Delia Clark, who died there leaving one son, Scott, now also deceased. For his second wife he married Mrs. Sarah J. (Bliss) Mills, of Bloomfield, who was born in 1837 in Hartford county, and first married Thomas S. Harman. They had one daughter, who is now the wife of Henry Conlon, of New York. By her second husband, George Mills, she had one son, George, also of New York. Mrs. Porter's grandfather, John Hull, was also a native of Hartford county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Porter have been born four children, viz.: Jennie, now a teacher of Farmington; William Lewis, a singer in the Pearl Street Congregational Church, Hartford; Etheline, a teacher at Winsted; and John B., of Farmington. Mrs. Porter commenced singing in the Church choir when fifteen years of age, and she and her children are all connected with the choir in the Church at Farmington.

H. E. FITTS, cashier of the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

TIMOTHY GILBERT. The old Gilbert homestead in the town of Enfield was the place of Mr. Gilbert's birth, which occurred on May 12, 1833. He is a son of Timothy Gilbert and grandson of Benjamin Gilbert, both of whom were natives of the same place. His grandfather was a soldier during the Revolutionary war; his father was a farmer. His mother's maiden name was Ada Crowell, and other children in the family were as follows: Benjamin, Mary H., Ada C., Samuel, Eben, Curtis, Timothy and Martha.

Timothy Gilbert was brought up on his father's farm, his early education being received at the district school, distant one mile from his father's house, and at the public schools of Middletown. He lived at the old homestead until 1889, taking charge of the property in 1864. In 1889 he removed to Rocky Hill, and purchased the handsome residence he now occupies from George Belden.

His home is one of the finest in the town, but he still continues to superintend the management of the farm upon which he was born, and which he still owns. He drives thither in the morning from Rocky Hill, returning at night. The property consists of seventy-five acres, highly improved and well cared for.

Mr. Gilbert was married, in 1862, to Elizabeth, daughter of Chester B. Goodrich. In politics he is a Republican; although not a member of any Church he attends those of various denominations, and is a liberal contributor of their support.

M. J. MAGUIRE, a prosperous and respected farmer of Manchester, was born Sept. 24, 1841, in County Cork, Ireland, son of William and Johanna (Cream) Maguire, the former of whom was a small farmer.

Mr. Maguire found it necessary to begin work early in life and at the age of twelve years secured employment by the month as a house servant. His educational advantages were extremely limited, yet he was able to attend school during a portion of each year. He remained in Ireland until his twenty-eighth year, when he determined to seek better fortune in the land where so many of his countrymen had found homes and prosperity, and accordingly on May 6, 1869, he set sail for the American shore. His first location was Hartford, Conn., where for some two weeks he was in the employ of Dr. Ellsworth, and later worked for Mrs. Colts. In 1869 he came to Manchester, where he began farming on land of his own, which he had bought two months after his arrival. His first purchase was fifty-one acres and he has added to this from time to time until he now owns a home farm of one hundred acres, besides another valuable tract of twenty-seven acres. This property he has greatly improved, and here he has resided ever since he purchased his first tract, with the exception of the years 1870-72, which he spent in New Orleans. His place is generally known as the "old Eli Pitkin farm." He carries on an extensive dairy business, having usually from twenty-five to thirty milch cows, and also raises and deals in Holstein and Jersey cattle.

On Feb. 7, 1879, Mr. Maguire married Miss Mary Moriarty, and they have four children: Mary, born Dec. 11, 1880; John F., Aug. 8, 1885; and Lewis William and Joseph (twins), May 4, 1888. In politics Mr. Maguire is a Democrat. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he attends St. James' Church in Manchester.

CHARLES DOHRENWEND. Competence comes to the industrious and thrifty, and there is no element in the American nation in which these traits are more conspicuous than the German. An active journeyman through life, Charles Dohrenwend, the subject of this sketch has in recent years settled down to farm life in Berlin town, where the same good judgment and energy which he previously displayed have developed one of the prolific and highly-cultivated farms of Hartford county.

Mr. Dohrenwend was born in Germany, Dec. 22, 1832, son of Christ H. and Armena (Dohrenwend) Dohrenwend, and grandson, on his father's side, of Fred and Sophia (Daly) Dohrenwend. The grandfather was a shoemaker of considerable wealth for his time, and left $2,800 to each of his sixteen children. He died in Germany at an advanced age, and his widow survived to the age of ninety-four years. The father of our subject was born Jan. 21, 1812. He was employed by the German Government in managing the transportation of silver from the mines, and was well-to-do. He died in 1880, surviving about thirty-three years his wife, who died when our subject was about fourteen years of age.

Charles Dohrenwend received the excellent education which the public schools of Germany afforded, attending school until he was sixteen years of age. He had the opportunity to continue his education, which he did not, greatly to his subsequent regret, his temperament at the time influencing him to active pursuits rather than books. For a year he devoted himself to the joiner's trade, but did not like it. Returning home he later worked for a time at the mason's trade, but that too proved distasteful. He assisted his father until he was about twenty years old, and on Sept. 7, 1852, he sailed from Bremen, Germany, for New York, to visit his uncles, George and Louis Dohrenwend, brothers of his mother. Mr. Dohrenwend landed at New York Dec. 17, 1852, and after a visit of eight months resolved to remain in America. For a year he clerked for a grocer named Gagger, then began work at the joiner's trade, which he continued many years. For a year he was employed in New York and at New Bridge, N. J. He then married in New York, in 1854, Catherina Stuffs, who was born in New York, in 1828. He continued his trade in Brooklyn until the Civil war began, and throughout the conflict was employed in the Brooklyn navy yard. Resuming his trade in Brooklyn, he later worked one year at Jamaica, Long Island, followed by a year at his trade at Brooklyn again, whence he removed to Suffield, Conn., where he worked for the same length of time on the construction of the New York Paper Mill. He then lived for a year at Warehouse Point, working on the paper company's new houses at Windsor Locks. Removing to New Britain, he worked on the Rockville school building, thence he removed to Southington and for four years worked for Samuel L. Woodruff, after which for five years he lived in Middletown. From that time until 1881 he remained in New Britain, with the exception of three years at Columbia, Tolland county. In 1881 he settled in Newington, where he purchased a farm, and remained until he erected a fine home in Beckley, on property which he had previously purchased. His farm is a most

productive one, and he ranks as one of the most successful farmers in Berlin town.

Mrs. Dohrenwend, first wife of our subject, died in Southington in 1868, surviving their only child, Charles, who was born in 1858, died in 1864, and was buried in Flushing cemetery, Long Island. For his second wife our subject married Elizabeth Edwards, who was born in Southington in 1841. By this union he has three children—Frank Henry, of whom mention is made below; Mary Armena, born in Middletown Nov. 12, 1871, and now a bright and popular stenographer in the New Haven office of the New York Life Insurance Co.; and Charles Frederick, born Sept. 24, 1874, a joiner by trade.

In politics Charles Dohrenwend is a stanch Republican. He has served on the school committee, but has never sought office. Himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Church, and he is a member of Meriden Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. Mr. Dohrenwend is a skilled mechanic, and his services have always been in demand. He ranks as one of the best joiners in Berlin, and his standing as a citizen is equally high.

FRANK HENRY DOHRENWEND, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Edwards) Dohrenwend, was born in Middletown Sept. 8, 1870. He was educated in the Stocking Corners District school, and in the schools of Newington and New Britain. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the trade of his father, that of joiner, and has worked at it since when not engaged on the farm. He was employed in the finishing of the Seldon school in Beckley. He was married, June 26, 1895, to Miss Lena A. Splettstoeszer, who was born in Berlin Jan. 23, 1874, daughter of Charles and Susan (Weckesser) Splettstoeszer. The only child born to them, Almon, died March 8, 1898, aged three days. Frank Henry Dohrenwend is an attendant of the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member. He is an unswerving Republican in politics, and is a member of Berlin Grange, No. 24. He owns a farm of about forty acres, and in 1896 erected his present tasteful residence in Beckley. He has placed his property under a high state of cultivation, and is one of the young citizens of Berlin town whose energy, ambition and good business qualities are rapidly guiding him to the front.

JOSEPH R. JOHNSON, ex-chief of police of the city of New Berlin, won universal commendation in that community by his excellent work in managing the details of that department of the municipal administration. The force, which consisted of ten men at the time of his appointment, was increased to fourteen to meet the needs of the growing city, and while chief, Mr. Johnson, who is noted for his keen perception and clear ideas, maintained a high degree of efficiency.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 16, 1855, in Hunter (formerly Bushnellville), Greene county, N. Y., and is of Holland Dutch descent in the paternal line. Alexander Johnson, his grandfather, was a native of Columbia county, N. Y., and became a ship carpenter by occupation. He was killed in Newburg, N. Y., in 1830 or 1831, and his wife, whose maiden name was Kesselbrick, died in the same year. They had four children, viz.: Willett, Riley, Eliza, who married Matthew Fort, of Troy, N. Y., and Adna, our subject's father.

Adna Johnson, a highly respected resident of Jewett, N. Y., was born in October, 1829, in Ellenville, N. Y., but his boyhood was spent chiefly in Pine Hill, that State, with one Peter Coon. He attended the schools of that locality, and later learned the shoemaker's trade which for many years he followed as a journeyman. He served four years as a soldier in the Civil war, in Company K, 14th N. Y. Cavalry, holding the rank of sergeant and corporal, and for a few days endured the horrors of Libby Prison, but was released on parole. On his return he found it impossible to continue his trade because of the strain upon his back, and he engaged in carpentering which he has ever since followed. He is a man of good abilities, being especially talented in mechanical lines. At times he has been active in local politics, and has held the office of tax collector. For many years he has been identified with Stanley Post, G. A. R., at Jewett, and in religious faith he is a devout Methodist. His estimable wife, Harriett Craig, is now deceased. They had the following children: Willard and Willis (twins), who died in infancy; Joseph R., our subject; Lucy E., wife of George W. Coyne, formerly of Pine Hill and now of New Britain; Robert W., deceased; Henry Augustus, deceased; and Millie A., who married F. P. Hart, and died November 1, 1898.

During his boyhood Joseph R. Johnson enjoyed fair educational advantages, as he attended the schools of Jewett, N. Y., both winter and summer until he was sixteen, and in the winter until he was nineteen. In the meantime he learned the shoemaker's trade, and in 1873 he came to New Britain to work through the summer season as a farm hand for W. H. Stanley. He then returned home, but in the following spring he came again to this country. The summer of 1876 he spent in West Hartford, in the employ of C. M. Lewis, the wholesale jeweler, and for the next four years he was engaged as a shoemaker in Hunter, N. Y., carrying on a shop on his own account. In the spring of 1880 he again came to New Britain, and for two years was a night watchman for the American Hosiery Co. He clerked in D. C. Judd's grocery for two years, and had charge of the teaming for the P. & F. Corbin factory for some time, and then went to Hensonville, N. Y., and bought out a teaming business which he carried on for twenty months. On returning to New Britain he became a night watchman at the Stanley factory, but, as his ability to do more difficult work was recognized, he was soon transferred to a position where he had charge of forty or fifty men. There he quickly demon-

strated his skill in managing others, and the mayor of the city, L. Hoyt Pease, being interested in the factory, selected him for the office of chief of police, his appointment being made July 29, 1891, and he continued in office until January, 1900. Politically Mr. Johnson is a Republican, but he refrains from any appearance of "pernicious activity" in partisan affairs.

On Dec. 12, 1876, Mr. Johnson married Miss Emma C. Haney, daughter of Daniel Haney, of Windom, N. Y., and four children have blessed the union, namely: Edward A., a dealer in wall paper; Henry A., a civil engineer; and Daisy and Viola, who are at home. The family holds a prominent place in social life, and Mr. Johnson is a member of the A. O. U. W.; the I. O. R. M.; the F. & A. M., Mountain Lodge, at Windom, N. Y.; and the O. U. A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs.

GEORGE HEINRICH, the leading and most popular barber in Southington, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, July 26, 1858, a son of John and Gertrude (Grassah) Heinrich.

Mr. Heinrich was reared in his native town, where he received a common-school education, and at the age of fifteen began an apprenticeship to the barber's trade, serving three years. He followed his trade in his native land for eleven years, and then resolved to try his fortune in the New World, where he believed that better opportunities were afforded to ambitious and industrious young men. On Sept. 1, 1884, he landed in New York City, and during the first three months spent in this country worked at his trade for his brother, in Southington, Conn. He was subsequently employed as a journeyman in New Haven, New York, Newburgh, N. Y., and New Britain, Conn., and in 1886 purchased his brother's shop in Southington, which he has since so successfully conducted, having built up a good business and accumulated a nice property. He is the only barber in Southington owning real estate.

On June 12, 1889, Mr. Heinrich married Miss Anna Abel, a daughter of Albert and Theresa (Magel) Abel, of Germany, and to them have been born two children, Carl Jacob and George. Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich are members of the Lutheran Church, and he also belongs to Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., of Southington; Triune Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M.; Temple Council, No. 32, R. & S. M.; and Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

PHILO SLOCUM NEWTON, whose death occurred at his home in Hartford, May 2, 1891, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years, was for many years one of Hartford's substantial men and esteemed citizens.

Mr. Newton was born March 29, 1811, in the town of Heath, Mass., son of Daniel and Lucy (Maynard) Newton, and was descended from Colonial families of New England. Richard Newton, the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Newton family, came from England and was at Sudbury, Mass., in 1640. He was one of the petitioners for the town of Marlborough. In 1727, when the town of Southborough was formed, his land fell in that town where his descendants have generally lived. He probably had two wives, Anne and Hannah. He died in 1701, aged about one hundred years.

From this emigrant ancestor Philo S. Newton was a descendant in the seventh generation, his line being through Moses, Moses (2), Elisha, Solomon and Daniel Newton.

(II) Moses Newton, son of Richard the emigrant, born in 1646, married, in 1668, Johanna Larkin, then called of Marlborough. She died in 1713, and he married (second), in 1714, Sarah Joslin, who died in 1723. Mr. Newton was wounded in an attack of the Indians in Marlborough in 1676.

(III) Moses Newton (2), son of Moses, born in 1669, married, in 1695, Sarah Howe.

(IV) Elisha Newton, son of Moses (2), born in 1701, married, in 1728, Sarah Tomlin, of Westborough, but at that time called of Shrewsbury. Each lived to be about ninety years of age.

(V) Solomon Newton, son of Elisha, born in 1741, married, in 1762, Hannah, daughter of Daniel Hastings. She died in 1781, and he married (second), in 1782, Lydia Hemingway, and died in 1822, aged eighty-two years. His widow died in 1826, aged seventy-nine years.

(VI) Daniel Newton, son of Solomon, and the father of the late Philo S. Newton, of Hartford, born April 13, 1776, married, in 1803, Lucy, daughter of Daniel Maynard, who was a descendant of Maj. Thomas Brown, of Sudbury, Mass., and a participant in King William's war. Daniel Newton removed from Shrewsbury to Heath, Mass. Mrs. Newton died in 1818, and he returned with the children, and married Dolly, widow of Moses Havens. Mr. Newton died March 6, 1827.

Philo S. Newton, son of Daniel, and the subject proper of this sketch, in 1818 was taken by his father to Shrewsbury on his return to that town, and there the son remained until twenty-three years of age, and in the meantime learned the trade of gunsmithing. Subsequently he filled positions in his line of work in the United States Armory at Springfield, Mass., and in 1840 superintended the manufacture of firearms in the Wethersfield (Conn.) State Prison, and there became greatly beloved by those under his charge. Later he accepted a position in the United States mint at New Orleans, which he held for a time, then returned to Hartford, Conn., and on State street in that city, he began business as a gunsmith. Shortly thereafter he changed his location to Kinsley street, and there remained in business for many years—until feeble health compelled him to retire.

Mr. Newton was an excellent citizen, a man of a quiet, gentle, kind disposition, of unassuming character and was highly respected. He was one of the early members of the Putnam Phalanx, and later

of the Governor's Foot Guard. In 1848, 1849 and 1850 he served as a member of the common council.

On Dec. 1, 1841, Mr. Newton was married to Elizabeth Anne Pelton, of Wethersfield, born Aug. 13, 1822, daughter of Nathan W. Pelton, who was a descendant in the seventh generation from John Pelton, a native of England, a descendant of the Essex Peltons, and who came to Boston prior to 1634, which year his name is of record in Boston. He was at Dorchester in 1635 and died in 1683. Nathan W.'s line of descent from this John Pelton was through Samuel, John (2), John (3), John (4) and William Pelton.

To the marriage of Philo S. Newton and Elizabeth A. Pelton were born Anna Coleman (Mrs. Hawley), of Hartford, and Philo Woodhouse, a druggist and prominent business man of Hartford, a sketch of whom appears on page 174. Of the above named children, Anna Coleman married, July 8, 1868, George Fuller Hawley, M. D. (a lineal descendant of Joseph Hawley, of Stratford, Conn.), and their only child was George Burton Hawley, born May 14, 1869.

JABEZ HASKELL HAYDEN, retired manufacturer, Windsor Locks, Hartford county, Connecticut.

ISAAC BEECHER DAVIS, who died at his home in Hartford April 9, 1895, was for many years a leading citizen of that city, and in his career were revealed the characteristics of his pioneer ancestry.

Born in Oxford, Conn., April 15, 1817, he was a son of John Davis, of Chestnut-Tree Hill, Oxford, and a grandson of Col. John Davis, of the same town. His mother, whose maiden name was Laura Riggs, was a daughter of John Riggs, of Seymour, Connecticut.

Mr. Davis passed his boyhood at the old farm, and at the age of seventeen went to New Haven to learn the trade of a mason, engaging in teaching during the winter months. In 1841 he located in Seymour, Conn., and entered into business as a contractor and builder. In the fall of 1854 he went to Syracuse, Ohio, as the agent of the Syracuse Coal & Salt Co., and there spent over two years, opening the mine and establishing the plant. Going thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, he remained there till 1866, as the representative of the same company. The rapid advance in river freight rates, at the beginning of the Civil war, convinced him that investments in steamboats on inland waters were likely to prove highly profitable; accordingly, with his friend, William A. Healy, he bought the "Crescent City," which very soon afterward was chartered by the government, and, encouraged by the success of this undertaking, the two friends built and handled many boats. When Cincinnati was threatened by Kirby Smith, Mr. Davis was chosen to assist in the construction of a pontoon bridge across the Ohio river for the passage of our troops. Owing to ill health he returned to Connecticut, in 1866, and later took up his residence in Hartford.

About 1872 Mr. Davis began the manufacture of the Berryman Feed-Water Heater and Purifier, a machine for utilizing the exhaust steam for heating the feed water before it enters the boilers, nearly or quite to the boiling point, which otherwise would enter cold. This device made it possible to use the heat that before escaped into the air; it adds both to the efficiency and life of the boiler, while it also separates the impurities from the current in its passage. Mr. Davis applied his inventive and mechanical gifts to the improvement of this machine, designing certain special tools to facilitate its manufacture, and its commercial success affords the best proof of the estimation in which it is held by users.

His fondness for building led him, partly as pastime, to erect many dwellings in Hartford, some of them among the finest in the city. A few years before his death he closed out his interest in the manufacturing plant located on Cushman street to his son John O. Davis, and retired from active business.

Mr. Davis was married (first) at Trinity Church in Seymour, Conn., to Miss Maria Ann Tucker, daughter of Sheldon and Nancy Keeney Tucker, of Seymour. His second marriage was in Hartford, Conn., to Mrs. Josephine H. Kenyon, a lady of Scottish ancestry. His children—Mary N., Lillie Annie, John and John O.—were all by his first marriage.

In politics Mr. Davis was a Republican. Strict integrity, tireless energy and perseverance, and sagacious judgment are some of the characteristics that contributed to his success.

NATHAN HENRY ALLEN, organist, composer and teacher of music, Hartford, is a native of the New England States, born April 14, 1848, in Marion, Mass., a son of Henry Manley and Matilda (Clark) Allen. The family is an old one from Connecticut, and the name was formerly spelled Allyn.

Henry M. Allen, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Rochester, Mass. (now Marion) in May, 1809, a son of Joseph Allen, who was in the coasting trade, and died at the age of seventy-eight years. Henry M. always followed the sea, his home being in Marion, Mass., and he commanded large packet ships for many years between New York, London and Liverpool. He married Matilda Clark, born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1805, a daughter of Nathan Clark, who was born in 1773. To this union came five children, three of whom are yet living: Mary E., John M. and Nathan H. On his mother's side our subject was descended from Henry Butler Bridgman, an Irish landed proprietor, whose estate was located near Limerick, Ireland; and was also descended from Thomas Clark, who came to Plymouth in the ship "Anne" in 1623, and died in Plymouth, aged ninety-eight. Both parents died at the age of seventy-six years.

and were members of the Congregational Church. The father took much interest in the welfare of his town and in the beautifying of its streets, many of the handsome trees yet to be seen having been planted through his influence.

N. H. Allen received a liberal education, in part at the common schools of the place of his birth, in part at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., which instruction was supplemented with a two-years' course at Providence, R. I., chiefly in music. In 1867 he went to Berlin, Germany, and there devoted three years to the study of his chosen profession, returning in 1870 to America and settling at New Bedford, Mass. Here he soon received the appointment of organist of the Unitarian Church in that city, and also commenced teaching music. In 1878 he accepted the position of organist of the Park Church, Hartford, a position he acceptably filled for two years, subsequently having charge, for three years, of the music at the Undenominational services held in Cheney Hall, South Manchester, Conn., meanwhile teaching in Hartford. In 1883 he was chosen organist of the Center Church, Hartford, which incumbency he is yet filling with his well-known ability and skill. He is also instructor in musical theory and lecturer at Mount Holyoke College. Of the hundreds of pupils who have passed under his tuition, many are now holding positions in the profession, all over the country.

It is worthy of record that the success of Mr. Allen's concerts and organ recitals has been marked, and favorably commented on. For two years he was vice-president for Connecticut of the National Music Teachers Association, and in 1890 he founded the Connecticut State Music Teachers Association. In 1891, he organized the Musurgia Club, and he is one of the original members of the New York Manuscript Society, also of the American Guild of Organists, in addition to which he is a member of the New York Clef Club. Without exception, Mr. Allen has the largest music library in the city. As a composer of music, including songs, anthems, cantatas, and pieces for the piano and organ, numbering in all several hundred, he is most prolific. Several of his compositions are still in manuscript form, but have already been successfully performed, and at present he is engaged on a work covering the history of music in Hartford county from the time of Hooker down to the present. He has now been teaching music since 1871, twenty-two years of which he has passed in Hartford.

In 1876 Prof. N. H. Allen was married to Elizabeth Mitchell Macy, and two children have been born to them: Henrietta, deceased; and Henry Manley, who is engaged in business in Boston.

GEORGE C. DUNHAM, who was city surveyor of New Britain for several years, has had an extended experience on the best railways of the country as a civil engineer and in kindred positions, and may be said to have brought to the service of the city an ability and experience which are invaluable. He is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Hartford county.

Mr. Dunham's ancestors for many generations were successful and well-known farmers of the town of Southington. In religious faith they were Congregationalists. Of Scotch extraction originally, the Dunham family exemplified the sterling traits of thrift and good management in their business affairs, which made them substantial and influential citizens. Harvey Dunham, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of the town of Southington, and at his death left four children—three daughters and one son—namely: Rebecca, who married Rodney Hart, of Southington; Clarissa; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Bishop; and Harvey, grandfather of our subject. The last named married Emma Cornwall, who bore him four children: Angeline, who became the wife of Henry Dickinson, of Springfield, Mass.; Robert C.; Truman; and Elizabeth, who married George Loomis, of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Robert C. Dunham, the father of our subject, was born in Southington, in 1828. He was a lifelong farmer, and being methodical, careful and industrious, he was successful in his unostentatious career. In manner he was quiet, but his convictions were strong, and his opinions were held in high esteem in the community. He was a regular attendant at the Congregational Church, and he devoted much of his time to general reading. From 1858 to 1875, in connection with his farming, he conducted the "Shuttle Meadow Lake House." At one time he owned nearly the entire flowage of the New Britain water supply. He married Josephine Park, who was born in 1830, daughter of Chauncey Park, of Gill, Mass., and to them were born five children: George Cornwall, subject of these lines, born Feb. 22, 1856; William M., born in 1858, a farmer living on the old homestead; Frederick P., born in 1860, a traveling salesman; Minnie J., born in 1862, wife of E. G. Lewis, a boot and shoe merchant and the town clerk of Southington; and Julia E., born in 1864, wife of L. O. Sheppard, of Plantsville, Conn., a contractor for the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company.

George C. Dunham was educated in the public schools of New Britain, from which he was graduated in 1872, under John H. Peck, one of the oldest educators of the locality. In the fall of 1873 he entered Yale College, and taking the scientific course he was graduated in 1876. During his Freshman year he received the prize for drafting in a large class. After graduation, in 1877, he entered the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Co., as assistant roadmaster at Stoneboro, Penn., continuing in that capacity until 1882, when he returned to New Britain, and there for four years engaged in his profession as a civil engineer. He then accepted the position of roadmaster on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road at Stoneboro, whence in the spring of 1887

he was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, as assistant engineer of the Lake Shore division. He served as engineer of the division from July 1, 1887, to Nov. 1, 1888, and then continued as assistant engineer until November, 1889, when he was transferred to Norwalk, Ohio, with the position of roadmaster. That position he resigned in December, 1892, to become chief engineer of the Calumet & Blue Island road, with office at South Chicago, Ill. Remaining with this company until July 1, 1894, Mr. Dunham resigned and returned to New Britain to re-engage in his profession as civil engineer, and in 1897 he was elected city surveyor of New Britain, being the second official surveyor of the city. In politics Mr. Dunham is a Republican, but in his office is non-partisan. His success as an engineer has been marked, and is due, at least partially, to his keen insight into and thorough mastery of all the details of the profession. Fraternally he is a member of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., New Bedford, and of Marshall Chapter, Elyria, Ohio.

Mr. Dunham was married, Sept. 8, 1880, to Lottie K. Davis, of Stoneboro, Penn., daughter of Adam and Sarah Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have been blessed with five children: Bertha E., born July 3, 1881; Robert A., born Oct. 21, 1882; Edna B., born Oct. 27, 1885; Charles N., born Oct. 24, 1887, died Feb. 11, 1889; and Ruth M., born May 27, 1897.

COL. WILLIAM N. WOODRUFF, who died at his home in Hartford March 5, 1899, was one of the most highly-esteemed residents of that city, gaining in a long and honorable career as a business man the respect of his many acquaintanes, and the warm regard of a host of friends.

Col. Woodruff was born June 23, 1847, in Orange, N. J., son of Moses and Sarah Woodruff, and came of an excellent family. He was related to Gov. Ogden, of New Jersey. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Newark, and at the Flushing Institute, Flushing, L. I. In 1861 he began the study of law in the office of ex-Gov. Pennington of New Jersey, at Newark, but after an experience of one year abandoned his studies, as he believed the law was not suited to his tastes. Soon afterward he apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade. On completing his apprenticeship, in 1875, he came to Hartford to find employment. At the depot he met Mr. Whitney, of the Pratt & Whitney Co., asked him where there was a machine shop, and Mr. Whitney pointed in the direction of his own. When Mr. Woodruff reached the shop he found Mr. Whitney there. The latter took a liking to the young man, and he became a contractor after working a year and a half. He was the youngest contractor then, and at his death was the oldest, having been with the establishment thirty-three years. At the time of his death he had ninety men, two foremen and a bookkeeper in his employ. He was the inventor of the Woodruff key, used in machinery, and he made a trip to Europe in the interest of his invention, for which he was awarded a number of medals at institutes in Boston and New York, and the John Scott medal of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Col. Woodruff was a Mason, belonging to Washington Commandery, Knights Templar, to the Hartford Lodge of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and (as an honorary member) the Putnam Phalanx. In early life he was a Republican, but when Gen. Grant became a candidate for a third term he affiliated with the Democratic party. For some time he served as an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. Waller, and he was an honorary member of the Connecticut National Guard.

In 1884 Col. Woodruff married Miss Carrie E. Sharp, born in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Minot F. and Jane Hawkins Sharp. Her father, who is now living in Fairfield county, was a son of Thomas J. Sharp, and her ancestors were among the prominent pioneers of that county. The family is of English origin, and they trace their descent from two brothers that came over in the "Mayflower." Archbishop Thomas Sharp, of London, England, one of their ancestors, is buried in Westminster Abbey.

DOMINICK FLYNN, town of East Hartford, Hartford county, Connecticut.

NORMAN ALBERT HOOKER, of New Haven and Berlin, secretary of the carriage manufacturing concern of Henry Hooker & Co., New Haven, is a direct descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first minister of Hartford and the founder of the Colony of Connecticut.

Henry Hooker, the father of Norman Albert, was born Sept. 20, 1809, in the parish of Kensington, town of Berlin, Conn., son of Saxie Hooker, a well-to-do farmer of that town who commanded the respect and esteem of the community in which he lived. Henry when a boy assisted in the farm work in season and attended the neighborhood schools in the winters. At an early age he was apprenticed to Norman Warner, of Kensington, to learn carriage painting and finishing. After completing his trade and spending a short time in its pursuit at Savannah, Ga., he returned East and, associated with a Mr. Hubbell, began the manufacture of carriages in New Haven, under the firm name of Hooker & Hubbell. This business was carried on under several changes in the firm until 1855 when Mr. Hooker opened a carriage repository in New Orleans under the name of J. H. Lum & Co., entering later into partnership with Blackman and Randall, which partnership extended until about 1861. In January, 1863, Mr. Hooker, with Edwin Marble, James Brewster and Leverett Candee, purchased the business of the firm of G. D. Cook & Co., of New Haven, and the business was carried on under the name of Hooker, Candee & Co., until the death of Mr. Candee in 1865, when the firm name was changed to

Henry Hooker & Co. In 1868 the concern became a joint-stock company with a capital of $200,000, of which company Henry Hooker was made president, and he held that office to the satisfaction of his associates, and with great success, until his death in October, 1873, the company becoming in the meantime one of the largest carriage manufactories in this country. Few men in this country did more to promote any one branch of industry than did Mr. Hooker in the carriage business. He was of an inventive turn of mind, understood thoroughly the practical part of the business, and beginning when it was in its infancy he persevered, was quick to see the merits of new ideas and to adopt them. He was broad minded and ever ready to adopt any and all improvements whether of his own device or not so long as they proved good and to the advancement of the carriage business. His name in connection with carriage manufacturing and building is known all over the civilized world.

For years Henry Hooker was one of the directors of the Tradesmens National Bank of New Haven and a director of the Winchester Arms Company. His religious connections were with the Trinity Episcopal Church in New Haven. He had no taste for politics, rather shrank from notoriety of any kind, but on the reverse was domestic in his tastes, loved home, where his heart was centered. He was of a kind and generous disposition, ever ready to assist the unfortunate.

In 1840, Mr. Hooker was married to Miss Charlotte Lum, and to them were born two sons, Frank H. and Norman Albert, both of whom for years were in one way or another associated with the father in his business. Frank H. Hooker died in 1900.

Norman Albert Hooker, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in New Haven, Aug. 17, 1848, and practically speaking grew up in the business of his father. After the death of the latter he with his older brother retained the father's interest in the business, and has remained identified with it through all of the intervening years, the brother only recently dying (as stated in the foregoing) in 1900.

Our subject retains a residence in Berlin, a property that has been in the family for several generations, it formerly belonging to his great-grandfather, though the house has since undergone various improvements and is now a beautiful and commodious summer home. Mr. Hooker has served as president of the Berlin Agricultural Society. He was one of the charter members of the Farmington Country Club, and has served as its president. At this writing he is president of the Berlin Board of Trade; and he is a member of the Quinnipiac Club of New Haven. Politically he has always been a Democrat, though in 1896 he voted for sound money. Himself and wife are members of the Episcopal Church at New Britain.

On Nov. 11, 1869, Mr. Hooker was married to Anna Louise Newton, of Lockport, N. Y., and to this union have come children as follows: Henry, who was graduated from Yale College in 1890, is associated in business with his father; and Caroline N. is still in school, now attending a ladies seminary in New Haven.

HENRY FISHER, a well known resident of East Glastonbury, has held a responsible position in Crosby & Co.'s mills for many years, and is now their oldest employe in point of service. His long term of service gives proof of the esteem in which he is held by the firm, and by his reliability and industry he has won the esteem of his associates.

Frederick Fisher, the father of our subject, was born in Saxe Weimar, Germany, in 1812, and was reared to farm work, attending school only until the age of fourteen, as was required by law. In 1857 he came to the United States with his family, the voyage between Bremen and New York lasting eight weeks. On his arrival he came to Hartford by boat, and then made his way to East Glastonbury, where he purchased a farm of George Fogil. Soon afterward he sold that property, and in 1863 he bought a farm from Sira Bennett, and there he spent his remaining years, his death occurring May 6, 1889. His wife, Elizabeth Fear, who was also a native of Saxe Weimar, is also deceased, and the remains of both are interred at East Glastonbury. Of their six children, five were born in Germany. Frederick, a farmer in Glastonbury, married a Miss Smith; Elizabeth died in Germany; Henry was the third in order of birth; George died young; John died in infancy; Elizabeth, the only one born in America, died in childhood.

Our subject was born Dec. 18, 1847, and was ten years old when he came to America. He attended the common schools in Germany and America and leaving school at the age of thirteen entered the mill of Crosby & Co., in East Glastonbury. He began in the card-room as a weaver, later became watchman, and in 1874 was given a position in the machine shop. He has charge of all the machine work and does all repair work, being a thorough mechanic. He has been industrious and frugal, and owns a farm which is operated by his son George C., of whom mention is made farther on. In addition to his labors in the mill he does work on the farm, while his wife, to whom he gives much of the credit of his success, is an industrious and helpful housewife. They keep several cows, and supply many of the factory employes with milk. At the time of his father's death, the farm was encumbered, but Mr. Fisher now has paid every obligation and saved money besides. Politically he is a strong Republican, but has never held office; in religious faith he is identified with the Methodist Church at East Glastonbury; socially he belongs to Elk Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., at Glastonbury.

On Feb. 12, 1870, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Anna Pitcher, who was born March 18, 1847, in Saxe Weimar, Germany, and came to the United States in 1869. They have three children:

(1) Elizabeth married George W. Wilson, a weaver in Crosby's mills, and they have three children, Mildred E., Eva A., and Doris P. (2) Frederick H., a resident of Hartford, married Mary Wilson, and has one child, Ethel Marie. (3) George C., born September 6, 1870, attended the Neipsic district school until the age of fifteen, and has since been engaged at farming on the homestead, which he now manages; in the spring of 1899 he bought a steam sawmill, capable of sawing ten cords of wood daily, and he has a good business in sawing stove wood. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a prominent member of the Grange.

PROF. HENRY R. MONTEITH, prominent as an educator in the State of Connecticut, is a native of Vermont, born at McIndoes Falls, where his father, and grandfather before him, had acquired a high place in the lumbering world, being for many years identified with the firm of Brewer, Gilchrist & Co.

Our subject was given every advantage in the way of an education. The academy of his native town afforded him a good preliminary training and fitted him for college. In 1869 he was graduated from Dartmouth College, and then entered upon his life's work, that of teaching. Until 1878 he was engaged in his chosen calling in New York, and while in that city he studied law under the able direction of E. Delafield Smith. In 1876 he was admitted to the Bar, and the year he resigned his position as instructor in New York (1878) he returned to Caledonia county, Vermont, and was there admitted to the Bar, but the following year he accepted the principalship of the Unionville high schools, in Farmington, Hartford county, which he resigned only to accept the chair of English, History, Civics and Algebra in a college. The freshman and Sophomore classes will be more directly under his charge, and, judging from the past, it is only safe to say that his success is assured.

In 1873, Mr. Monteith was united in marriage with Miss Ella Ryder.

CURTIS C. COOK, secretary of the Hartford Electric Light Co., though so prominently identified with one of the most important industries of Hartford, is one of the youngest business men in that city, and his is a record of wonderful success attained solely by indefatigable industry and force of merit.

Mr. Cook was born March 4, 1874, in Hartford, son of John Cook, a native of Middletown, this State, who was reared in the locality of his birth, and received his education in the common schools. On coming to Hartford he opened a market in Church street, which he conducted a number of years, eventually selling out to J. P. Newton. From that time until his death he lived retired, passing away at the age of sixty-one years. He married Lucy A. Alexander, born in Portland, Conn., who survives him, living in Hartford, and they had five children, four of whom are yet living; Charles C., who is mentioned below; Carlysle, who is a collector for the Hartford Electric Light Co. (he is a thirty-second degree Mason); John W.; and Curtis C. Mrs. Cook was the adopted daughter of a Mr. Pratt, who had a large family, two now surviving; John; and Sarah, Mrs. Woodruff, whose husband was formerly ticket agent in Hartford.

CHARLES C. COOK, son of John Cook, and brother of Curtis C. Cook, of this article, received his education in the schools of Hartford. Later he became associated in business with the late John C. Mead, a prominent builder of Hartford, and on the death of Mr. Mead became associated with a Mr. Hapgood. Since then Mr. Cook has for some years continued in business alone, and so active and energetic has he been as a contractor and builder that he has become widely and favorably known. Up to 1893 he resided in Hartford, but since has been a resident of West Hartford, where he has become prominent in public affairs, and has been especially interested in the finances of the town. Since 1898 he has very acceptably filled the delicate position of first assessor, and used every effort to make possible a ten-mill tax that was voted in September, 1900. He is on a refunding committee having as its object the refunding of the town's debt of over $160,000 at a low rate of interest. Mr. Cook is vice-president of the Southern New England Paving Co.; a director of the Ætna Indemnity Co., and the Kellogg & Bulkeley Co., and has large interests in several other corporations. He is a stanch and active Republican, and on Oct. 24, 1900, was made, without a dissenting vote, at the West Hartford Republican convention the nominee of that party for representative from that town to the General Assembly, of which body he is now a member.

Curtis C. Cook received his education in the common schools and the Hartford Public High School, and commenced his business career as accountant for the E. S. Kibbee Co., wholesale grocers, with whom he remained three years. His connection with the Electric Light Co. dates from Nov. 9, 1892, when he became first assistant accountant of the concern, holding that position until he was made secretary, on Sept. 30, 1899. Mr. Cook is also treasurer of the Hartford Power Co. His responsible connection with so important a concern speaks more highly than words of his efficiency and business ability, the Hartford Electric Light Co. priding itself on having the finest plant in the country, completely equipped and in splendid running order. All the details of the management are most admirably arranged, and the smooth and successful operation of the plant is due to the able men at the head of the company, among whom Mr. Cook occupies no inconspicuous place. He has attained a position in the business world which many an older man might well envy.

On Dec. 23, 1897, Mr. Cook was united in mar-

riage with Miss Georgia L. Gates, a native of Hartford, daughter of Julian Gates, who for many years was connected with the Hartford post office. Mr. Gates was the father of two children, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have had one child, Madeline. They are well known socially, and Mr. Cook is a member of the Hartford Yacht Club.

JUDGE HARRISON BELKNAP FREEMAN, lawyer, judge of probate for the Hartford district, owing to his long service in the position he now occupies is well and favorably known to the people of Hartford and Hartford county.

Judge Freeman was born in Hartford Sept. 5, 1838, son of Horace and Eliza (Belknap) Freeman. He was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1862, studied law at the Hartford Law School and in the office of Edward Goodman, and was admitted to the Bar in Hartford county in 1864. From 1871 to 1874 he served by appointment as judge of the city police court. He was elected to his present office in 1887.

On June 1, 1864, Judge Freeman was married to Frances Hall Bill, born July 31, 1839, daughter of Erastus and Phœbe (Rood) Bill, of Hartford. Mrs. Freeman is a descendant in the eighth generation from John Bill, who is of record as at Boston, Mass., in 1638, the year of his death, her line being through Philip (of England, Ipswich, Mass., and New London, Conn., in 1668), John (2) (who went with his father to New London, and was later of Lebanon), Lieut. James (who was born, lived and died in Lebanon), Deacon James (of Lebanon and Chatham), Erastus, and Erastus Bill (2).

To the marriage of Judge Freeman and his wife have been born: Bertha, Fannie and Harrison B. The last named was born Aug. 22, 1869, in Hartford. He was graduated from the Hartford Public High School, and entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1892. He studied law in the office of Charles J. Cole, and with the class of 1894 at Yale Law School. He was admitted to the Bar in Hartford county in 1894.

HON. RICHARD DUDLEY HUBBARD. In the death of Mr. Hubbard, at his residence in Hartford, Feb. 28, 1884, there passed away a distinguished son of Connecticut, one who at that time was the acknowledged head of the Bar of the State.

Mr. Hubbard was born Sept. 7, 1818, in the town of Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., of humble origin, and was early left an orphan, with means barely sufficient for his education. He passed his boyhood in East Hartford. He was graduated from Yale College in 1839, less noted for scholarship in his class than he afterward became in the legal profession, but, as he himself said, he paid particular attention to belles-lettres and oratory. Immediately after his graduation he commenced the study of law with the late William Hungerford, and was admitted to the Bar in 1842. He was State's attorney during the terms 1847-1854 and 1857-1869. A Democrat in politics, he was not a partisan, and his patriotism was conspicuous during the period of the Civil war. In 1867 he was elected to Congress by the Democratic party, but found political life at Washington very little to his taste, and at the end of his term declined a re-nomination. In 1876 he was elected by the same party governor of the State, being the first to serve under the two-years term. To the discharge of the duties of this office he brought great intelligence, an earnest desire to promote the public welfare, and an absence of partisan feeling. In his first message he called the attention of the Legislature, in very strong language, to the injustice done to women by the antiquated law governing their property rights in marriage, and under his supervision the act of 1877, making a radical change in the property relations of husband and wife, and based upon the principle of equality, was drafted and passed.

It was, however, in the field of the law that Gov. Hubbard won his great success. Here he became a foremost figure in the public eye. He was not only the first lawyer in the State, but its greatest orator. His superiority as a lawyer was owing less to a laborious study of books, though he was always a diligent student and very thorough in the preparation of his cases, than to his perfect comprehension of legal principles. He had obtained a complete mastery of the science of the law. He would detect the slightest swerving from its harmony as a fine ear would detect the least discord in music. He had strong common sense, by which he tested everything. But with the soundest of judgments he united the greatest quickness of apprehension and brilliancy of imagination; with apparently unlimited grasp of mind, a rare fineness of discrimination. He was, however, never led astray by a fondness for legal casuistry, and he had no relish, and but little respect, while yet fully understanding them, for the mere technicalities of the law. His mind was eminently a philosophical one, and found recreation in the study of philosophical systems and abstract speculation, nothing interesting him more than the great mysteries and baffling questions of life.

As an orator Mr. Hubbard was best known to the general public. His success here was of course attributable in large measures to great natural powers; but he had improved these by a good classical education, and by the superadded scholarly culture of a lifelong familiarity with the ancient and modern classics. Indeed, it was this culture that gave to his oratory its special charm. With no attempt at rhetorical display, with never an impassioned delivery but a special quietness of manner, he yet had an exquisiteness of thought, a fertility of imagination, and a power and grace of expression that made his addresses on every occasion captivating to his hearers; while his more studied efforts were worthy of any orator of any age. Some of his addresses at meetings of the Bar, called to pay tributes to deceased members, have been remarka-

ble for their beauty. That upon William Hungerford, who had been beyond any other man in the State the representative of the ancient school of English lawyers, and who died in extreme old age in 1873, is one of the finest pieces of composition that the English language has ever known.

Mr. Hubbard lacked ambition; he had no fondness for appearing before the public; no desire for office or honor. Even for the law, in which he won so great triumphs, he felt no great enthusiasm. He loved the quiet of his library, and the company at table and fireside of cultivated and congenial friends. In all this he was somewhat too ready to seek his ease, but he rose up manfully to meet the demands of any clear public duty. His integrity was more than unquestioned; it had the emphatic endorsement of the whole public. In social life he was the most charming of companions, with a sparkling wit and rare conversational powers, and a faculty of bringing to his service and to the entertainment of his friends quaint passages of humor and of wisdom from the old English writers. In every position in life he was *facile princeps*.

JOHN DEAN BROWNE, president of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., Hartford, is a native of New England, born in 1836 in the town of Plainfield, Windham Co., Connecticut.

John Browne, his grandfather, was a patriot of the Revolution, as were also two of the latter's brothers, all Windham county men, where their ancestors had lived for generations, and of that sturdy type of men and women who were equal to the conditions and emergencies of the times in which they lived. Gurdon P. and Esther (Dean) Browne, our subject's parents, were plain, unassuming farming people, industrious and frugal, residents of the old Browne homestead, where still live their posterity, the fifth generation of the family to occupy it. They reared their children in habits of industry and frugality, and by precept and example inculcated in them those principles of robust morality and patriotism in which they themselves had been trained, and which were striking characteristics of their ancestry. Gurdon P. Browe, too, was a school teacher of the old type, beginning his profession at seventeen, following it through thirty-six winters. He was an ardent Democrat of the Old School, always performing his duties as a patriotic citizen, and voting at every election in his town until the very close of his long and useful life, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His wife was a woman of rare qualities and Christian virtues, deeply solicitous for the spiritual and intellectual culture of her children. She passed away at the age of eighty-seven years.

President Browne, reared amid agricultural pursuits among the rugged hills of New England, and in the atmosphere that pervaded the home of such parents, imbibed a spirit of independence and self-reliance that developed the man he came to be—foremost among the men of insurance in the profession. Such environments of his boyhood were favorable to the formation of correct habits and a manly character, and promotive of the best development of the natural gifts which he had inherited from a long line of sturdy and honorable ancestors. His youthful life was passed on the farm, alternating between attendance at the district school and work on the farm. At nineteen he taught one of the schools of his native town. The great Northwest offered greater inducements to young men than the home State then gave, and in 1857 young Browne located in the then far away Territory of Minnesota, forming a connection with the Minneapolis Mill Co., his location there being the result of a visit made to that locality in 1855. He remained two years with this company, and then went to Little Falls, a town at that period of a few hundred inhabitants, located on the Mississippi river, passing a year as director and agent of the Little Falls Manufacturing Co. Here he aided in the development of the great water power of that section, which has since become so useful and valuable, as he did also at Minneapolis.

From 1857 to 1865, during the years of his career in the North Star State, young Browne was actively prominent in the affairs of the Territory and State. He aided in organizing the Republican party in 1855, and held intimate relations with the dominant party at the National Capital throughout the administration of President Lincoln, for whose election he had been an enthusiastic and effective worker. He was often a delegate to county and State conventions, and was chosen an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention which nominated Mr. Lincoln. His Republicanism was known to be of the most pronounced type, and his political activity and enthusiasm constituted him an important factor in all the councils of his party during the greater portion of the eight years covered by his residence in Minnesota. At the close of the Presidential campaign, in the autumn of 1860, Mr. Browne was elected messenger to take the first electoral vote of Minnesota to Washington, in which city he remained during the succeeding winter, having been appointed to a desk in the Interior Department at the Capital under Joe Wilson, then commissioner of the General Land Office. He returned to Minnesota in the spring of 1861, and for four years, during Lincoln's administration, was chief clerk in the office of the surveyor-general of public lands at St. Paul, to which city the office had been recently removed from Detroit.

Returning East in 1865, Mr. Browne one year later entered the work of insurance, becoming permanently connected with the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. as its general agent and adjuster. In 1870 he was chosen secretary of that company, in the duties of which office he was engaged for ten years, or until called to the presidency of the Connecticut Fire, in 1880, in which incumbency he still continues. It is but just to Mr. Browne to say that since his elevation to its chief executive office

the Connecticut has abundantly maintained its high standing among the solid and prosperous institutions of its class in this insurance centre, while its progressive tendency is illustrated in the figures following. In 1889 the premium income of the Connecticut Fire was $507,871, the assets $1,039,382; in the year ending Jan. 1, 1898, the premium income was $1,098,232, assets $3,559,357; premium income Jan. 1, 1900, $1,872,044.34. During this period the semi-annual dividend, regularly paid, amounted to $1,500,000; in 1900 it was $1,750,000. The handsome building, at the corner of Prospect and Grove streets, was largely the result of President Browne's planning and taste.

President Browne sustains official relations with a number of business and social organizations in Hartford. He is a director in the Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Co., the National Exchange Bank, the Board of United Charities, the Hartford Board of Trade, and Retreat for the Insane, is a member of the Historical Society, and of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is president of the Hartford Charitable Society, and of the Connecticut Humane Society. Socially he is a quiet courteous gentleman. Politically Mr. Browne has for some years been rather independent. He advocated the election of President Cleveland, and believed in his administration.

On Oct. 23, 1861, Mr. Browne was married to Frances, daughter of Luther Cleveland, of Plainfield, Conn. She died in 1893, leaving two daughters, Alice C. and Virginia F., the former being the wife of Francis R. Cooley, son of Hon. Francis B. Cooley, of Hartford.

CHARLES R. BURT, secretary of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, was born March 4, 1845, in Hartford, son of Richard S. and Maria A. (Boardman) Burt. While yet in his 'teens young Burt began an active conection with the local agency of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. In 1865 he entered the office of the company as clerk. In December, 1867, he was made assistant secretary, and in January, 1873, secretary of the company, a position he has since held. He is an active member of what was the Pearl Street Congregational Church, having been some years a deacon, and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

On Oct. 5, 1871, Mr. Burt was married to Sophia Matilda Sill, of Middletown, Conn., who was more than twenty years the lady superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is a valued assistant in many branches of charitable work in Hartford. They have no children.

JUDGE WILLIAM HAMERSLEY was born in Hartford Sept. 9, 1838, a son of the late Hon. William James Hamersley, who was for many years a distinguished resident of the city.

Judge Hamersley was a pupil at the old Grammar School, afterward at the High School, and entered Trinity College with the class of 1854, but left during his Senior year to begin his legal studies in the office of Welch & Shipman. He was admitted to the Bar in 1859, and in 1863 was elected a member of the court of common council, later was vice-president of the board, and president during 1867 and 1868. He also held the position of city attorney, resigning in 1868 to accept the position of State's attorney for Hartford county. He held this office for twenty years. In 1886 he represented the town of Hartford in the legislature, serving on the Judiciary and Federal Relations committees. He was again a member of the House in 1893, but resigned during the session to take the position of judge of the superior court, holding same until Jan. 14, 1894, when he was advanced to to the Bench of the supreme court.

Judge Hamersley was one of the founders of the Connecticut State Bar Association, and, with Richard W. Hubbard and Simeon E. Baldwin, constituted the committee of that Association through whose initiatory efforts the American Bar Association was founded. He was one of the original promoters of civil procedure reform in this State, and a member of the Commission that drafted the Practice Act, and the rules and forms of procedure adopted by the court for giving due effect to its provisions; he was also an early and active promoter of the reform in the jury system in Connecticut.

L. WALTER CLARK, who has served most efficiently as assistant secretary of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford since 1881, is an insurance man of thirty-five years' experience, and, it is needless to say, is well-known in insurance circles.

Mr. Clark was born in the town of Cornwall, Conn., and entered the insurance field in 1865 as special agent for the Home Insurance Co. of New Haven, Conn. Shortly before the Chicago fire of 1871 he took the vice-presidency of the Enterprise Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, which went down through losses incurred by the calamity. After a brief term as special agent with the Springfield (Mass.) Fire and Marine, he accepted the presidency of the Meriden, but resigned in 1881 to enter the Connecticut Fire, of which he was made assistant secretary Feb. 1, of that year.

GEORGE W. MITCHELL, secretary and treasurer of the E. N. Welch Manufacturing Co., and otherwise prominently identified with the commercial life of Bristol, comes of a family whose members have long been active and influential in the town, in matters of Church and State, as well as material progress.

Hon. George Mitchell, his grandfather, born in 1774, was numbered with those who a century ago were the bone and sinew of the business life and general prosperity of Bristol, where all his active days were passed. He was one of the earliest clock manufacturers in the town, making at first the old wooden clocks, now rarely seen, and later brass

clocks, as they came into general use. For many years he also conducted a profitable mercantile business, and by his energy, ability and strict integrity came to be regarded as one of the foremost men in the town in commercial circles. However, his attention was not confined to business, for he took an active interest in the affairs of his town and place, and his fellow citizens delighted to give substantial evidence of their confidence in him by selecting him for various positions of public trust. He was prominently connected with different important State conventions that made a marked impress in the history of the commonwealth, and in 1837 was elected State senator from the Third District, in every incumbency realizing the expectations of his fellow townsmen, and adding greater honor to a name already held in the highest esteem. For years he was postmaster at Bristol. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, and a stanch advocate of the principles of his party, but his position was taken with such sincerity, and his convictions so manifestly strong and honest that he made no political enemies among those who differed with him, gaining rather their admiration and respect. The Bristol Baptist Church, with which he united in 1815, had in him for nearly forty years one of its stanchest and most liberal supporters, as well as active workers, and his unselfish devotion to its interests was of lasting benefit both to its material and spiritual welfare. In fact, his conduct in all the relations of life bespoke the devout Christian. He was especially interested in young men about to start in business, and his practical sympathy and ready generosity often paved the way to unexpected successes. Mr. Mitchell was one of the first in Bristol to join the Free-masons, and his name is still held in high honor in the local lodge of the fraternity. He died July 29, 1852.

Julius R. Mitchell, son of Hon. George, and the father of our subject, was born in Bristol, Jan. 8, 1821, and spent his entire life in that town, dying Feb. 19, 1899, after a well-rounded business career of about sixty years. He followed in his father's footsteps in his activity in religious and public affairs, and, living in the period of Bristol's most important development, especially along commercial lines, took no unimportant part in that growth, his enterprise and progressiveness exerting marked influence in molding the character of the town, which now ranks among the large manufacturing towns of the State. For over fifty years he was at the head of a prosperous mercantile business in Bristol, first as a general merchant, later as dealer in dry goods, men's furnishing goods and clothing, and the firm of J. R. Mitchell & Son became one of the leading and best-known establishments in the town. Mr. Mitchell was the oldest merchant there at the time of his death. His recognized business ability was called into frequent requisition in other enterprises. He was one of the incorporators and ever after a director of the Bristol Savings Bank; was a director in the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., and president of the Bristol Manufacturing Co. In sentiment a lifelong Democrat, he always took an ardent interest in politics, and was repeatedly the recipient of high honors at the hands of his fellow citizens, serving as representative from Bristol in the State Legislature at New Haven in 1852, and again in 1872, and at Hartford in 1871. In 1873 he served Hartford county as State senator. In all his public service he carried himself with honor and uprightness, and did credit to his name and his constituency. Though public-spirited in everything pertaining to the good of his community, he avoided nomination for local offices, the duties of which his townspeople would gladly have entrusted to him.

On March 6, 1836, Mr. Mitchell united with the Bristol Baptist Church, and retained that connection to the close of his life, taking the deepest interest in all that concerned the welfare of that society. A Baptist by birth and training, his love for his church was one of the strongest and noblest impulses of a broad Christian life; he cheerfully gave his best to promote the advancement of his church and Christianity in general, and this same love of the church has descended to his children. He counted his service to his Master as his highest privilege. Few of the younger generation realize how much the Bristol Baptist Church is indebted to him, for throughout his long membership he was a faithful as well as generous supporter of her interests, not one of which ever appealed to him in vain. All philanthropies won his practical sympathy.

On Jan. 21, 1845, Mr. Mitchell married Drusilla Welch, who was born April 23, 1825, daughter of George Welch, a prominent citizen of Bristol, and sister of Elisha Welch, one of the most successful manufacturers of the town. Mrs. Mitchell has spent her entire life in Bristol. She, too, comes from a family prominent in Baptist circles, and is a devoted member of the Bristol Church, which she joined in 1841. Throughout his long and successful career Mr. Mitchell never failed of the inspiring encouragement of her sympathy and co-operation. Four children blessed this marriage, three still living: George W., our subject; Helen Juliet, born March 8, 1852, who died Aug. 24, 1854; Annie Juliet, born July 11, 1856, who married William J. Isaacson, and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio (they have no children); and Julia Niles, who is living at home with her mother, in the beautiful and commodious home of the family.

George W. Mitchell was born Nov. 7, 1852, and was educated in the schools of Bristol and in Williston Seminary. Early in life he was admitted to partnership with his father in one of the most prosperous and well known mercantile businesses of this part of Hartford county—the firm of J. R. Mitchell & Son. While he retains his interest in this concern and has a thorough knowledge of its workings, he has for several years devoted himself to manufacturing. He was the assistant treas-

urer of the F. N. Welch Manufacturing Co. from August, 1885, to February, 1897, when he was elected to his present position of secretary and treasurer of that concern, which is one of the largest clock manufactories in his wide and great country. The present promising status and outlook of this large concern are due in no small measure to his energy, business sagacity, and the very high confidence which is placed in him by this entire business community and by all who have ever had business relations with him. He is a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and a director of the Bristol National Bank, and Bristol Brass & Clock Co. For many years Mr. Mitchell has been a most devout, generous, efficient and beloved member of the Bristol Baptist Church, having again and again been appointed to its highest office. His interest in his church is absolutely tireless, and it holds the very first place in his love. His genuine Christianity is the most marked characteristic of the man, and it is of that broad nature which enters into helpful sympathy with every phase of true Christian enterprise and philanthropic endeavor.

On Oct. 22, 1873, Mr. Mitchell married Eva L., daughter of the late Edward L. Dunbar. The Dunbar family is one of the oldest and most prominent families of Bristol. Mrs. Mitchell has earnestly and helpfully shared in all of Mr. Mitchell's ambitions, but especially has she shared his love of the Bristol Baptist Church, and her devotion to it has been equal to his. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell enjoy a wide circle of intimate friends.

MILTON L. MARSH, M. D., No. 252 Main street, New Britain, Hartford county, Connecticut.

WILLIAM L. LOOMIS, town clerk, Suffield, Hartford county, Connecticut.

GEORGE L. CLARK, miller, and lumber manufacturer, Suffield, Hartford county, Connecticut.

OLIVER GAMERDINGER, practical manufacturer, Poquonock, town of Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut.

ADDENDA to sketch of the late Lester Goodenough, of Bristol, which appears on page 132.

Ephraim Goodenough married Martha, daughter of Thing and Elizabeth (Jimson) Ladd. Martha Ladd (mother of Lester) was descended from Daniel Ladd, who took the "oath of supremacy and allegiance to pass to New England in the Mary and John of London, Robert Sayres, master, March 24, 1633;" and who "settled first at Ipswich, next at Salisbury, and then went to Haverhill with Rev. John Ward and eleven others, and was one of the original settlers of that town."

She was also a descendant of the Hon. John Gilman of Exeter, N. H., "who was appointed by the Crown one of the Council for the government of the Province of New Hampshire under Pres. John Cutts and Gov. Cranfield, and was later a delegate to the Assembly and Speaker of the House, and was the founder of a family which for 200 years has been among the most distinguished in the annals of the Province and the State."

LINE OF DESCENT.—Daniel Ladd came from England in 1633. Nathaniel Ladd, of Haverhill, Mass. (he married a daughter of Hon. John Gilman); Nathaniel Ladd, of Exeter, N. H.; Edward Ladd, of Belmont, N. H.; Edward Ladd, of Andover, N. H.; Thing Ladd, of Salisbury, N. H.; Martha Ladd, of Salisbury, N. H.; Lester Goodenough, of Bristol, Connecticut.

WILLIAM FARRAND FELCH, although not a native of Hartford county, has spent the best years of his life in Hartford, and has made it his permanent home. He is well known in the city and state, principally as an author. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, coming to this city in 1885, to assume a position in the agency department of The Travelers Insurance Co., which he has since held acceptably.

"Sketches of the boyhood of authors," says a recent writer, "both dead and living, are apt to possess the defect of not containing much that is worth telling about till the boy vanishes into the author, and his career as a boy ends. Later, the author rehabilitates the boy, so to speak, and invests him with a felicitous interest; but it is for older people, and not all of such have that investigating tendency which cares to go back of the vine to the grape-blossom, or look behind the cider cask for its protoplasm, the apple-seed."

Our author's boyhood was thoroughly Bohemian, and he began to write when he could scarcely hold a pen, which is the reason he has been able to accomplish so much. The following account of his early life possesses more than common interest, being written by one who was his warmest boyhood friend and schoolmate while living at Columbus, Ohio, Hon. Albert Blakeslee White, now of Parkersburg, W. Va., for twenty years editor of the *West Virginia Daily State Journal*, and who was elected governor of West Virginia in the election of 1900, on the Republican ticket. It was written several years ago.

"The subject of this sketch is still a young man, but he has already tried, with varying success, nearly all the leading lines of literature, and has shown considerable versatility. As a farmer boy he grew to maturity, with the exception of one year in the city, where the writer formed his acquaintance. A similarity of tastes and aspirations developed a warm mutual friendship. In school hours he gave considerable time to composition, often to the neglect of his studies, writing on scraps of paper or old envelopes hidden in his books. At this time, while in the Salem, Ohio, high school, he wrote his first printed story, 'Brother Brandreth,' a somewhat heterodox termination of a re-

vival, and its distressing after-effects. On presenting it to the editor of a neighboring local paper, that gentleman read it carefully and pronounced a very flattering opinion: 'Young man, I have read your story, and I like it. I think it will do some good. In fact, "there's my sentiments." It will appear next issue.' It was the proudest moment of the young writer's life. It was, however, subsequently read by the writer before a Methodist literary society, and the 'freezing awe' with which it was received by his auditors was a sufficient index of their sentiments; showing how tastes may differ. It was soon followed by other stories, written stealthily in school hours, appearing in the local press, which hence did not reach a wide circle of readers nor win him any special reputation, being written over a *nom de plume*.

V. "His *penchant* was, and is, evidently fiction, and previous to his twentieth birthday he had prepared stories and sketches sufficient for a large volume, which, however, was never published. These stories were written with elaborate care, after classic models, 'icily regular, splendidly null,' and not at all in his later off-hand style. In later years he made more ambitious attempts. Once he had two serials running at the same time, in an eastern and a western publication, keeping close on the heels of the press, writing each installment in duplicate, and frequently obliged to write a chapter a day at 'white heat.' Since the appearance of these serials he has written little fiction, biding his time until riper years and added experience shall indicate the path he is to follow.

"Soon after this he embarked, with a theatrical friend or two, in a higher field of fiction, the drama. His first comedy had a short but eventful career of one month on the road, chiefly in Ohio; it was entitled 'Judge Slasher,' and was soon followed by 'A Titled American,' 'Mignon, the Child-wife,' and others, each an improvement on its predecessor. Several minor dramas, 'Queenie,' 'Cissy,' 'The Pet of Parson's Ranch,' followed in rapid succession, on the order of 'M'liss,' written for various soubrette stars. On the principle that 'two heads are better than one,' he has preferred to write plays in collaboration with another person of experience; hence the majority of his plays are partnership affairs. Of these, 'A Child of the Wreck,' and 'Miggles,' the prologue of the latter being founded on Bret Harte's story of the same name, the rest of the play original—and two others, 'Gettysburg, or Through Two Wars,' and 'Nobody's Child' are most prominent and promising. The Gettysburg play he intends to 'novelize' at some future time.

"Although dramatic work is the most difficult field of fiction, he pursued it more for practice and development than from a real love for the stage or its belongings, and as a help in novel-writing. In incident, plot, situation, and dialogue, the drama is superior to the novel, but the reputation derived therefrom is more ephemeral. The printed page is read years after it first appears, but the best dramas rarely hold the public favor more than a decade at the utmost. He has, however, learned much from his dramatic studies and efforts that may be put to better use in after years.

"He is more successful as a poet, and has published more than has appeared in his little book, 'Legends and Lyrics' (1882 and 1886), chief among which is 'The Legend of Little Saint Francis,' a long narrative idyl in blank verse (originally written in story form, but later, realizing its romantic and dramatic possibilities, re-written in metrical prose), a story of the days of the old missions in southern California, at the close of the last century. This is as lengthy as the combined 'Legends and Lyrics,' as printed in his book. He takes little pride in his poetry, however, despite the encouragement of friends, and writes only for pastime in poetical form.

"Perhaps the most graceful and touching tribute that has been paid to his lately published volume was that received from a young poet friend, Walter Buell, who writes clever and pleasing poems in the intervals of journalistic work, and criticising other poets:

A thousand reams of wasted paper,
  A half-decade of dreary days
Spent in accepting or rejecting
  An over-plus of commonplace,
Have made me prize a glimpse of sunlight.
  Through clouds of mediocrity;
And so, though all too slow in coming,
  Your little gift has been to me.

'Twas not your fault it came no sooner;
  'Twas my misfortune, pray be sure;
And like good wine it is for waiting,
  Perchance more mellow—not more pure
Pray let the vintage not be niggard;
  Spare not the foot-weight in the press,
But, from Life's purple grapes abundant,
  Tread out fame, wealth, and happiness.

"Mr. E. R. Champlin, an eastern reviewer, gives, perhaps, the fittest estimate of his ability, in the following criticism:

" 'A level, critical head is indicated throughout the book. The poet seems to know himself thoroughly, which will be recognized as something uncommon in a person at the age at which he must have been when these pieces were written. He shows strength and versatility throughout; and, what is particularly pleasing in a young poet of today, he seems to be pervaded with a sense of reverence and of moral obligation. The moral and spiritual tone of his verses, not excepting the love songs, is most healthy. The natural description, the moral reflection, the regard for the great minds in literature seem to have come from a well-natured mind. He shows, also, what, in painter's language, is termed a sense of perspective in making up his book. The poems are proper, and none of them of a humorous sort, strictly; he has, therefore, placed at the front of the volume a glib and facetious Proem, which properly relieves the impression of serious,

didactic purpose which most of the collection gives; and which, when first read, prepares the reader pleasantly to meet what follows. His "Triad of Love Lyrics" shows him to be one of the best love verse writers of the day, far superior, in my judgment, to those who spoil the soul of what they attempt to put into verse by over finish.'"

Mr. White concludes his biography of our author with this kindly personal tribute: "I have purposely refrained from any description of the personal appearance and social qualities of the subject of this sketch, but a warm friendship of over twenty years has bound the writer to him with 'hooks of steel.'"

It may be said, in explanation, that Mr. Felch began writing prose in his earliest childhood, and diaries without end, to date; but most of his poetry was written in 1880 and the year or two following. The book, "Legends and Lyrics," was set in type by himself, and printed in 1882; a subsequent edition, printed in 1886, dedicated to a G. A. R. fair, in Hartford, sold with avidity. His longest poem, "The Legend of Little Saint Francis," is soon to appear in book form. He has also had two plays published in Chicago, "The Pet of Parson's Ranch," and "Shadow Castle," which have been played all over the country, and hardly a week passes during winter seasons that he does not receive letters in regard to them from aspirants for histrionic honors. Mr. Felch next embarked in journalism, has been employed on various newspapers, and knows the "ins and outs" of the craft. He was city editor of the *Sunday Herald*, assistant editor of the *Saturday Critic*, and of the *Bohemian*, and a constant contributor to the *Dial, Gazette, Sunday News, Daily Ohio State Journal, Daily Dispatch*, and other Columbus papers; also to the *Indianapolis Saturday Herald, Quincy (Ill.) "Modern Argo," Washington (D. C.) World, Chicago Graphic, Philadelphia "Easy Hour,"* and other papers too numerous to mention. For five years he was the accredited Columbus correspondent of the *New York Dramatic Mirror, New York Sunday Courier, Music and Drama*, and *The Mercury*, attending one hundred plays on an average each winter. For two winters he conducted a bureau of legislative news, serving twenty or more Ohio papers with weekly letters during the winter, from the State Capital.

Mr. Felch wrote a "Centennial History of Ohio," which was not published in book form owing to the failure of the publisher, but was syndicated through twenty or thirty Ohio newspapers, for a period of six months. One winter, while attending college, he wrote a long book manuscript, entitled "The World's Youth; or the Infancy of Humanity"; it was not printed in book form, but parts of it have been printed in magazines, such as "Potter's Monthly," the "Chicago Current," and "Popular Science Monthly." During his school days he set up in type and had printed "The Memorial History of the Felch Family," in five pamphlet numbers, bringing the family record down to Revolutionary times and the compiler's grandfather. It is now a very scarce work, and the writer has only two copies left of a large edition. The above are the only works he has had published, but he has written much for magazines and other periodicals since, so that his entire output would probably number ten volumes.

It is as an originator and organizer of magazine publications that Mr. Felch is best known in Ohio and Connecticut, latterly. "The History of Columbus, Ohio" (page 450), in an article on "The Press" by Osman C. Hooper, a leading Columbus editor, has this to say on this point:

"In 1884 W. Farrand Felch, well known by reason of his numerous contributions to Columbus newspapers and periodicals, printed a few numbers of 'The Western Critic.' Early in 1885 Mr. Felch, Mr. James M. Kerr, and Mr. Thomas C. Harbaugh united their forces and decided to enlarge the 'Critic.' They called the remodeled periodical 'The Inland Monthly,' and issued four numbers, which were excellent in typography and materials. Lack of patronage, however, forced the discontinuance of this periodical, and soon afterward Mr. Felch went to Hartford, Conn., Mr. Kerr to Minneapolis, and thence to Rochester, N. Y., and Mr. Harbaugh back to his home in the Miami Valley."

"'The Saturday Critic' was established by Col. W. A. Taylor in April, 1882. Col. Taylor was its proprietor. W. Farrand Felch was assistant editor." Col. Taylor subsequently became Secretary of State for Ohio. Mr. Felch was also a staff editor of the *Cleveland Saturday Ledger*, under Gen. Milton Barnes, ex-Secretary of State for Ohio.

After coming to Hartford Mr. Felch originated "The Connecticut Quarterly," an historical magazine, now "The Connecticut Magazine," its scope, trend, and general conception being his entirely; and he continued as its editor for the first year of its existence, under adverse circumstances; at the end of the first year he gave up the conduct of the magazine to his partner, as "there was not enough in it for two." It has changed much since, but has fairly covered the State in gathering together certain historical material which would not have appeared elsewhere. Since then he has appeared very infrequently in print, preferring to do no more fragmentary or perfunctory work, but only such as has permanent and cumulative value, having too little leisure. He has, however, taken an active interest in the civic, social, and political affairs of Hartford, and under various *noms de plume* has generally been in the thickest of the fray, with a trenchant pen, notably in the *Daily Times*. He has recently purchased a beautiful Colonial cottage in the outskirts of Hartford, in a picturesque location, half city, half country—an ideal spot for a literary man's home.

The one particular hobby of Mr. Felch's life has been genealogy, which has brought him more pleasure, as well as wasted more of his time that should have been given to literature perhaps, than any-

thing else. He has a phenomenally long lineage, extending back forty generations, and is justly proud of this descent. His father, Allen Shepard Felch, was born in North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1815, and died at Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1896, a strong-minded, brainy man, an extensive traveler, somewhat of a writer on sociological and political subjects, an uncompromising Abolitionist in his early political career, and as devoted to Prohibition in his last years. From his father our subject derives his ambition and ability as a writer; from his mother, humor, pathos, elastic sympathies, emotional tendencies, and poetical aspirations. She was a devoted mother, a loving wife, a cheerful, sociable neighbor, invaluable in sickness and in death, so that she was often called away from home, miles distant, to distressed households where sorrow and grief had entered. She often said, "When I die, it can be said that I never had an enemy in my life." Her maiden name was Phebe Bruen Ward, and she was the daughter of Farrand and Charlotte (Bruen) Ward, of Meadow Ridge Farm, near East Madison, Morris Co., N. J. Through the Bruens of Newark, N. J., she was descended from the Bruens of Bruen Stapleford, Cheshire, England, from nearly the time of the Norman Conquest, and by their intermarriages the forty generations mentioned above can be traced as follows:

(I) Pepin, of Landen, Belgium, died 639.

(II) Begga, daughter of Pepin, married Ansegisus, son of St. Arnolf, Bishop of Metz.

(III) Pepin le Gros, or "The Fat," died 714.

(IV) Charles Martel (or "The Hammer,") conqueror of the Saracens at Tours in 752, died soon after.

(V) Pepin the Short, first king of the Franks, of the Carlovingian dynasty, 752-768.

(VI) Charlemagne (Charles the Great), 768-814.

(VII) Louis I, 814-840.

(VIII) Charles I, the Bald, 840-877.

(IX) Rothilda, daughter, married Hugh the Great, Count of Paris.

(X) Hugh Capet, first king of France of the Capetian dynasty, 987-996.

(XI) Robert II, king of France.

(XII) Henry I, 1031, married Anne, daughter of Iaroslav, grandduke of Russia, who was son of St. Vladimir (Rurik[1], founder of Russia, 862-879, Igor[2], Sviatoslav[3], Vladimir[4]), who married Anne Porphyrogena of Constantinople (fifth in descent from Basil the Great, viz.: Basil[1], Leo VII[2], Constantine VI[3], Romanus II[4], Anne Porphyrogena[5], or "born in the purple," who married Vladimir of Russia).

(XIII) Hugh the Great, Count of Vermandois, brother of King Philip I of France, and son of Henry I and Anne of Russia.

(XIV) Elizabeth, daughter, married William de Warrenne, Earl of Warren and Surrey.

(XV) Adela de Warren, married Henry, Earl of Huntington and Prince of Scotland, who died 1152.

(XVI) Margaret of Huntington, married 1175, for her second husband, Humphrey de Bohun, fourth of that name, Earl of Hereford and High Constable of England.

(XVII) Henry de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, born 1176, died 1220.

(XVIII) Humphrey de Bohun, or "Humphrey the Good," died 1275.

(XIX) Alice de Bohun married Ralph de Tony, descended from Roger de Toenio, standard-bearer to William the Conqueror.

(XX) Alice de Tony, married Guy de Beauchamp, the great Earl of Warwick, descended from Walter de Beauchamp, steward to King Henry I.

(XXI) Maud de Beauchamp, daughter, married Geoffrey de Say, Knight, born 1305, died 1356.

(XXII) Idonea de Say married Sir John Clinton, of Maxstoke, Warwickshire, Knight, died 1397.

(XXIII) Margaret Clinton married Sir Baldwin de Montfort.

(XXIV) Sir William de Montfort, of Colshill, Warwickshire, died 1453.

(XXV) Robert de Montfort, younger son, of Monkspath, Warwick, and Bescote, Staffordshire.

(XXVI) Katherine de Montfort married Sir George Booth, of Dunham, Cheshire, who died in 1483.

(XXVII) Sir William Booth of Dunham, 1519.

(XXVIII) Jane Booth married (second) Thomas Holford, of Holford, Cheshire, who died in 1569, tenth in descent from Roger de Toft.

(XXIX) Dorothy Holford married John Bruyn, Esq., of Bruen Stapleford, Cheshire, who died 1587, eleventh in descent from Roger le Brun, who appears in 1230 in Cheshire.

(XXX) John Bruen, Esq., of Bruen Stapleford, 1560-1625, was a noted Calvinistic Puritan, whose life has been written and published.

(XXXI) Obadiah Bruen, the emigrant to America, born 1606, was first town clerk of Gloucester, Mass., New London, Conn., and Newark, N. J., where he died.

(XXXII) John Bruen died before 1696.

(XXXIII) Joseph Bruen, 1677-1752.

(XXXIV) Lieut. David Bruen, 1715-1795.

(XXXV) Joseph Bruen, 1746-1822.

(XXXVI) Caleb Carter Bruen, 1783-1830.

(XXXVII) Charlotte Bruen, 1803-1852, married Farrand Ward.

(XXXVIII) Phebe Bruen Ward, 1825-1885.

(XXXXIX) W. Farrand Felch.

(XL) Don Harold Felch.

Anne of Russia, who married Henry I of France (XII above), had a sister Agatha [See "The Ancestry of Agatha," in "London Notes and Queries," 1894, by Mr. Felch, which effectually clears up a long-mooted point], who married Edward the Exile, King of England, who died 1057, seventh in descent from Alfred the Great. Through Agatha, Mr.

Felch is of the fortieth generation. Agatha was the mother of Margaret (afterward St. Margaret), who married Malcolm Canmore, King of Scots, who died 1093, father of David, King of Scots, who was father of two kings of Scotland, and also of Henry, Earl of Huntington, who married Adela de Warren (XV above). The father of William de Warren (Adela's father) was William de Warrene in Normandy, and married Gundrada, who was for a long time supposed to be step-daughter of William the Conqueror. [See "English Historical Review," October, 1888.] Mr. Felch is descended from Malcolm Canmore in two other lines, the Wards and Lymans; from Rollo, the founder of Normandy, through the Duttons and Tuttles; from the Plantaganets, through the Earls of Warren and of Arundel. The Wards, his mother's line, can be traced back to Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Yorkshire, to the time of the Conquest, and he has over fifty pedigrees of Wards in England, etc., with coats of arms for each, collected by the late Horatio Ward, of London. The Wards of Northamptonshire intermarried with the Washingtons, ancestors of our first President.

On the Felch side his ancestry dates from 1640, when Henry Felch, Sr., came (presumably) from Wales. The second Henry Felch, of Reading, Mass., married Hannah Sargent, and through the Sargents Mr. Felch traces back to the Giffords, the family founded by Walter de Gifford, Earl of Buckingham and Pembroke, time of the Conqueror; the Sargents also connect with the Washington, Pargiter, Samwell, and Winslow families, whence came Gov. Winslow of Plymouth, who induced several wealthy Welsh gentleman to come over" to Marshfield, Mass., among them Henry Felch, Sr. [See an article of Mr. Felch on "The Blyman Party" in the "New England Historic-Genealogical Register," last year.]

In American lines Mr. Felch has many Revolutionary ancestors, but belongs to no society on that account; his great-grandfather, Rev. Nathan Felch, Sr., enlisted from Reading, Mass., in 1776. His grandfather, Rev. Nathan Felch, Jr., was ordained a Methodist minister by Bishop Asbury, the first bishop of that church in this country.

Mr. Felch has been happily married for over ten years. On May 15, 1890, he married Miss Mary Helen Willison, a lovely and amiable young lady from his old Ohio home, whom he went back to wed. She is the daughter of Miles Newton and Nancy D. (Wright) Willison, of Johnstown, Ohio. On her father's side she is descended from the Willisons of Glasgow, Scotland, related to the Earls of Stirling; they came early to the James river region in Virginia, and thence to Fort Cumberland, Md., where the first Willison arrived about the time of Braddock's defeat, bringing his bride, whose maiden name was Sarah Death, on the horse behind him. On the maternal side Mrs. Felch is descended from the Wrights of Kelvedon, Essex (ten generations); from the Footes of Connecticut; and the Fenners of Rhode Island. Her great-great-grandfather, Simeon Wright, Sr., was with Stark at Bennington, and Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga; her great-grandfather, Simeon Wright, Jr., was a captain in the war of 1812; he married Susannah Abbott, and Mrs. Felch is related to the late Emma Abbott, the singer. Through the Foote family she is descended from the Deming, Smith, Bliss and Welles families, and related to Hon. Gideon Welles. The early Willisons intermarried with the Dandridges, Martha Washington's family. Mrs. Felch's grandfather, Jeremiah Willison, was a volunteer in 1812.

One son has come to Mr. and Mrs. Felch, now a bright "bookish" boy of nine, Don Harold Felch, born May 17, 1891, who bids fair to follow in the paternal footsteps in several directions. An almond orchard, near Los Angeles, Cal., was purchased this year (1900) by the father, in the name of the son, the proceeds to go toward the education of the son in some college, and to give him a start in life.

Mr. Felch was educated at a country academy, the public schools of Columbus, the Salem (Ohio) high school, and the Ohio State University, at Columbus. His father had no college education, but taught school for seventeen years, when a young man. His grandfather, Rev. Nathan Felch, was offered a college education by Hon. John Jay, but it was after he was married and settled in life, and he could not accept.

In politics our subject is a consistent Republican. He cares nothing for society, nor for societies, not being a "jiner," but for two years was President of "The Shakespeare Society," of Hartford, being a great admirer of the immortal bard. He possesses a library of over 1,000 volumes, which is more attractive and alluring to him than aught else.

For two years previous to coming to Hartford, Mr. Felch was employed in the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo Railway general offices, first in the general superintendent's office, later as private secretary to the secretary, second vice-president, and president, resigning to come East. Since living in Hartford he has compiled the "Williston Family and Allied Lineages," for Hon. A. Lyman Williston, of Northampton, Mass.; the "English lines of Hale and Hales," for Edward W. Hale, of the Sub-treasury, New York, his cousin; the "Hayes Family in England;" the "Ward, Warde, de la Warde, Varde and de la Varde Family;" "The Le Brun and Bruen family;" and made extended researches in the Willison, Wright, Felch, Cheever, Batterson and Preston families. He has also been asked to take charge of a genealogical department for which he is amply qualified.

[The compilers of this volume have been under obligations to Mr. Felch for material assistance, in a genealogical direction, in several of the sketches of this volume.]

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